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Right, a man holds a placard conveying retirees' sentiments during a House of Representatives session yesterday afternoon wherein a retiree-backed bill to repeal and reenact the Saipan casino law in its entirety passed by a vote of 15-3. At left, another retiree holds a placard while watching the House session on Capital Hill. Retirees plan to show up again in full force on Thursday during the Senate's session.

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Saipan casino law fix now heads to Senate

» Retirees troop to Capital Hill to urge passage

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Before a considerable crowd of mostly retirees waiting for payment of their deferred 25-percent pension, the House of Representatives passed yesterday afternoon a bill repealing and reenacting the Saipan casino law to clarify its ambiguities and fully empower the Lottery Commission to award an exclusive Saipan casino license. The bill passed the House at 4:08pm by a vote of 15-3 with two absences and is now on its way to the Senate for action tomorrow.

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Investigation report on casino applications in

» Lottery Commission says consultants' public presentation on Monday

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The four-member Lottery Commission received yesterday from its consultants an investigation report on the two applications for an exclusive license to develop an integrated casino resort on Saipan, but there is no telling whether that report would lead to a granting of a license and to whom.

"All I can tell you is that we received the report [Tuesday]. The individual members will then review the report," Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said after the commission meeting yesterday afternoon.

Igisomar said the Lottery Commission's casino investigator B2G Global Strategies and gaming consultant The Innovation Group will be presenting the report on Monday, July 14, at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe at 2pm.

Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and Best Sunshine International Ltd. are the two casino applicants.

The Lottery Commission received the report from its consultants the same day that the House of Representatives passed a bill repealing and reenacting the Saipan casino law in its entirety to clarify ambiguities, including the power of the Lottery Commission to award an exclusive casino license and spend portions of the $1 million application fee paid by each applicants to be used for investigating and reviewing the applications.

Retirees are hopeful that the Lottery Commission will issue a casino license,

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Local

Youth camp kids learn to channel their creative juices

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Students gathered to learn arts and crafts at the Kilili Beach Pavillion in Susupe yesterday as the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Summer Youth Empowerment Camp holds its arts week.

Yesterday's camp had 98 students, with turnout varying each day, according to camp coordinator Julian Camacho of the Division of Youth Services.

Students were divided into six groups to learn homemade flower weaving, mwar making, lei making, bead making, coconut leaf weaving, and sand painting.

Maria Christine Castro, 16, was one of the 21 instructors who helped the groups with their arts and crafts and kept them orderly.

Castro, who is a volunteer for the second straight summer, enjoys the different ideas children can come up with in their craft making.

John "JM" Mercader, 13, of William S. Reyes Elementary School, says the camp is "awesome." He said he enjoys the "free stuff we make" like bracelets.

Soni Pomee, the coconut leaf-weaving instructor yesterday, came away impressed with one girl's ability to make baskets.

"[The girl] surprised me because she really wanted to learn," he said. The girl only needed help with finishing the basket, which Pomee did for her.

Pomee volunteered because he wanted to help the kids learn the art.

A Tanapag camp, open yesterday and this coming Thursday, is also open to the public, according to camp coordinator Alex T. Olopai. While they have only three students, he said, "I don't want to turn kids away."

The camp concludes Friday with a showcase for parents featuring the students' art. It will also be held at the Susupe pavilion.

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A group of students and their instructor get creative with arts and crafts yesterday at the Summer Youth Empowerment Camp hosted by the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

Firm proposes Marpi zip lines

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Saipan Zip Lines, LLC is proposing to build a three-stage zip line in Marpi that will cater not just to tourists but also to the Saipan community.

According to Ron Hodges, one of the co-owners of Saipan Zip Lines, this activity is both eco-friendly and will hopefully help Saipan get branded as an adventure destination as well.

Hodges said the project went through months of deliberation on what kind of activity would help increase tourism on Saipan and would be a world-class activity for tourists to enjoy.

According to a Saipan Zip Lines representative, the activity does not require any machinery, fuel, or electricity. "We are a small impact project and we're not building pretty big structures and cutting down trees," he said. Construction will also have very low impact.

"That is why the Division of Fish and Wildlife has no issue because we are not doing anything to the conservation areas," the representative said.

Hodges assured that the project would protect the pristine nature of Marpi.

"We are not going through areas where it will hurt the public. We are going through public lands and we tried to stay away from conservation lands and stay eco-friendly as much as possible," he said.

Saipan Zip Lines eyes three destinations for the zip lines. The first zip line will be from Suicide Cliff at about 1,500 feet high and will go down toward the road leading up to Suicide Cliff. There will then be a 10-minute walk to the second zip line, which will head down about 500 feet downhill. The last segment will be from the exit point of the second zip line and will head down to the Kan Pacific area.

"We would like to have it running from the first of November or first of December and hope that it will be a great success for Saipan," Hodges said.

The Saipan Zoning Office will hold a public hearing on the project this Thursday, July 10, at the Zoning conference room in the Joeten Dandan building.

According to Saipan Zip Lines, the project took about nine months to prepare and they have already met with DFW and the Department of Public Lands. DPL gave the project a conditional approval but it still has to go through additional permits.

Hodges noted that tourism increased in Maui by 10 percent due to zip lines and that the growing tourism numbers of the CNMI means "we need more activities."

Marianas Visitors Authority marketing manager Bruce Bateman said it is always a good thing for Saipan to have new attractions.

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DPS suspends search for 2 Japanese sisters

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The Department of Public Safety suspended yesterday afternoon the search for the two missing Japanese sisters, with still no trace of them.

DPS Boating Safety Section officers dived at Wing Beach until late afternoon yesterday, hoping to find sisters Natsuki Yamada, 33, and Chinatsu Yamada, 26.

The Yamada sisters are believed to have gone night swimming at Wing Beach on June 29 up to the early morning of June 30.

DPS spokesman Travis Hurst said a determination was made to suspend the search after an exhaustive effort that spanned days. Hurst said DPS has expended a great deal of resources in the search for the two.

Hurst assured, though, that the investigation into the disappearance of the Yamada sisters is still ongoing.

"DPS is going to be working diligently in finding the answers necessary to bring a resolution to this case," he said.

Hurst said DPS would like to thank the CNMI Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Commonwealth Ports Authority for their assistance in the search.

The Yamada sisters arrived on Saipan last June 28. They were supposed to go back to Japan on June 30. That day, June 30, at 12:08pm, the car they rented was recovered at Wing Beach, which is near the Mariana Resort and Spa where the two stayed.

Inos backs two Rotary Club projects

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos assured the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday of his support for the club's two projects: the revival of a dental clinic on Rota and the creation of a Kagman Healthy Living Family Park.

Inos, who was the guest speaker of the Rotary's meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, noted that Rota currently has no dentist or dental clinic and that residents are forced to travel to nearby islands such as Guam and Saipan to receive dental care.

Rotary, in partnership with their new sister club, the Rotary Club of Tokyo Atago, took the lead early this year in reviving the dental clinic on Rota by providing equipment and renovating the building.

Inos also addressed the Kagman park project that Rotary had been working on. He said he will ask the Department of Public Lands to convey the property to the Office of the Governor, which will then pave the way for the possible signing of a memorandum of understanding with the Kagman community for park's maintenance.

The Rotary's new president, Richard Cody, said the governor's support is good, because both projects need the government to be involved.

Cody said before Rotary can do anything on the equipment for the Rota Smiles project, the dental clinic needs to be renovated.

"We only can do what we have on our part, which is the equipment. It's good that he is here and we had this opportunity to brief him on what needs to be done for us to get our part done," Cody said.

"The projects are still in the early stages and we have had three years for funding for Las Vegas Night to set aside $5,000 for the Kagman Park each year and we can start construction after Inos does what he says," Cody said.

House approves 25 percent guaranteed funding for PSS

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By a vote of 18-0, the House of Representatives passed yesterday afternoon a proposed constitutional amendment to increase the annual guaranteed CNMI government funding for the Public School System from the current 15 percent to 25 percent. The House passage comes less than a month before the deadline for any legislative initiative to be passed by the Legislature for placement on the November 4 ballot.

House Legislative Initiative 18-12, authored by House Education Committee chair Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), now goes to the Senate for action.

The Senate is expected to also pass the initiative on Thursday.

"I'm very thankful, very glad that it went through. I'm hoping that the Senate will also pass it so that it will go to the people for a vote," Benavente said, noting that the Aug. 6 deadline to pass the legislative initiative is drawing near.

Education Commissioner Dr. Rita Sablan, along with Kagman High School principal Leila Staffler, testified before the House session yesterday afternoon, urging members to pass HLI 18-12 so that more funds will go toward educating public school children.

HLI 18-12 seeks to amend Article 15, Section 1(e) of the CNMI Constitution to increase PSS' guaranteed funding from 15 percent of the government's annual appropriation to 25 percent.

The 15 percent guaranteed funding for PSS was established in 1985. Proponents of the initiative said the level of funding public education in other U.S. jurisdictions is closer to 25 percent of their annual budget.

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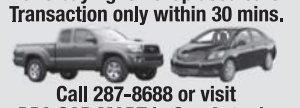
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Star Marianas seeks seizure of aviation fuel

Star Marianas Air Inc. asked the federal court yesterday to allow the company to seize 25 55-gallon drums of aviation fuel belonging to Aviation Services (CNMI) Ltd. that are located at the Saipan International Airport.

Star Marianas Air, through counsel Timothy H. Bellas, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to grant its petition for a writ of execution to seize the aviation gas after Aviation Services Ltd. failed to pay its outstanding settlement amount.

Bellas said Aviation Services Ltd. has ceased business operations and is not likely to have the financial resources to make any of the future payments due under their settlement agreement.

Bellas said the 25 drums of aviation gas are worth $8,775.

The lawyer said the aviation fuel was used as part payment of the consideration to be paid to Star Marianas Air.

Bellas said in order to eliminate the need for future motions to enforce the settlement agreement, his client asks the court to allow for the seizure of the aviation gas and that the gas be sold and the proceeds be used to satisfy the unpaid amount under the settlement agreement ($7,500) plus the $967.50 in fees awarded, for a total of $8,467.50.

Bellas said his client, due to the nature of the item to be seized, shall assist the U.S. Marshal in the seizure and taking custody of the aviation fuel.

Once the expenses of the seizure have been paid, the aviation gas will be used to satisfy the amount of $8,567.50 to Star Marianas Air and if a surplus remains, it will be paid to Aviation Services Ltd.

Star Marianas Air filed a racketeering lawsuit in January 2013 against Aviation Services Ltd. and some of its employees for allegedly stealing several drums of aviation fuel from Star Marianas Air's ISO tank container and delivering the stolen fuel to Freedom Air in order for it to continue its operations.

The parties entered a settlement agreement. Aviation Services Ltd. agreed to make some payments to Star Marianas Air under their agreement. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Inos: $140M budget, tourist arrivals to breach half-million mark in 2015

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In an impromptu speech that sounded like an update of his State of the Commonwealth Address, Gov. Eloy S. Inos told the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday that the CNMI government's operating budget for fiscal year 2015 could be revised to $140 million and tourist arrivals would breach the half-million mark also next year.

When the governor was called to the podium, he asked Rotary Club members what they wanted him to talk about before proceeding to present—without any prepared speech or at least an outline on hand—the CNMI economy's direction and the challenges that need to be overcome.

"Tourism is picking up, although gradually. It's gaining momentum at a rate of 7 percent to 10 percent per year. We're expecting 470,000 visitors by end of 2014. It's expected to surpass the half-million mark next year and numbers will continue to grow," he told the Rotarians and their guests at the Hyatt Regency Saipan.

Inos earlier said the CNMI may see its annual arrivals reach 700,000 once again in two to three years.

In addressing the Rotary Club yesterday, Inos said there are two limiting factors to tourism arrivals' growth: lack of accommodations and lack of airline seats to bring tourists to the CNMI.

In two to three years, Saipan alone would see a substantial increase in available hotel rooms with E-Land's renovation and reopening of the former The Palms under the global Sheraton brand; the construction of a new hotel in San Antonio; the construction of a new hotel in Marpi; and the expected development of a $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan with at least 2,000 rooms.

The governor said Jeju Air-lines will start flying to Saipan in October, bringing thousands of additional tourists.

He also told Rotarians that he met with United Airlines two weeks ago and expressed his concerns about the infrequent flights between Guam and the CNMI, as well as the high cost of air fare. He said "something needs to be done," including bringing in low-cost carriers for interisland service.

The governor reiterated that as a result of the retirement settlement agreement, the CNMI has shrunk the general fund deficit from $300 million to $70 million.

He added that from an operating budget of $102 million in fiscal year 2012, the figure has gone up to $134 million.

The governor submitted to the Legislature a proposed fiscal year 2015 budget of $134.33 million, which is now lower than the 2014 budget of $135.786 million as a result of a recently approved supplemental budget of over $12 million.

But Inos said the 2015 budget could be revised later to some $140 million. The governor also touched on some similar issues he laid out during his June 30 SOCA.

During a question-and-answer, Rotarian David Igitol asked Inos whether the Saipan casino law would negatively impact a 1982 statute allowing the Rotary Club of Saipan as a non-profit group to conduct casino gaming for a short period of time to raise funds for its community projects. Rotary Club has been holding every year a Las Vegas Night, its signature fundraiser.

Inos, in response, said there's no talk about repealing that 1982 law with the passage of the Saipan casino law. The governor recognized the importance of Rotary's fundraising event and its contributions to the community.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Eloy S. Inos addresses members and guests of the Saipan Rotary Club at Hyatt Regency Saipan yesterday, touching mostly on similar positive points he laid out at his recent State of the Commonwealth Address.

INVESTIGATION

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paving the way for the release of the winning applicant's $30 million deposit to pay for retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and to pay for the accrued interest on former defined benefit plan members' withdrawn contributions.

The report is also received five days after Superior Court Associate Judge Wiseman denied last week an attempt to stop the government from issuing a casino license.

The Saipan casino issue continues to be one of the most divisive revenue-generating measures in the CNMI today.

RETIREES

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he intends to promptly sign the corrective bill once the Legislature passes it.

For more than an hour since the session began at 1:30pm yesterday, over a dozen retirees testified in favor of House Bill 18-195's passage.

Retirees believe that the bill's enactment will pave the way for the award of an exclusive Saipan casino license and the release of $30 million for payments of retirees' 25 percent pension and former defined benefit plan members' accrued contribution interest.

Only three individuals—Leila Staffler, Ambrose Bennett, and Chailang Palacios—testified against the bill's passage and urged lawmakers to instead allow voters to directly decide in the Nov. 4 elections whether or not they want a casino on Saipan.

Bennett said the vote was "nothing more than a political plot against the people," who already voted twice to reject casino on Saipan.

"My motives for this are truly to give people a chance to vote [on the casino issue]," Staffler told lawmakers.

She said she supports retirees, but she also supports a democratic process. "Had we followed the process, we won't be here today." Staffler added that the "best choice" is to repeal the Saipan casino law in its entirety and place it on the ballot.

The vote on HB 18-195 came a day after Staffler submitted to the Office of the Attorney General referendum petitions to reject the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws, with over 4,200 signatures.

The petitioners are wary that HB 18-195, once signed into law, would kill the casino referendum.

But with well over a hundred retirees and former DB plan members crowding the House chamber and the front area of the legislative building on Capital Hill, the crowd already knew where lawmakers' vote would go.

"3,800 retirees. We are one voice. We are one vote," read a placard that a retiree was holding while watching the House session. Another reads, "We need our 25% Don't delay our 25%. Will you vote with us?"

"This will bring a lot of relief to the lives of so many people," 67-year-old retiree Joe Aldan told *Saipan Tribune* moments after HB 18-195's passage. "After retirees' comments, I felt comfortable that the legislators can sympathize, relate to their constituents."

'Not over yet'

Gregorio "Kazuma" Camacho and Clyde Norita said the process isn't over yet so they are asking retirees to once again show up at the Senate session at 2pm on Thursday to ensure the bill's passage.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), author of HB 18-195 and co-author of the Saipan casino bill that became law, proposed a floor amendment yesterday.

The proposal, among other things, gave the Lottery Commission full authority to issue a license and designate the Lottery Commission's chairman as the expenditure authority for the application fees, portions of which were used to investigate and review the two casino applications.

After about an hour of discussion, members adopted Demapan's floor amendment at 3:53pm.

House members then debated HB 18-195, as amended.

Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) said the debate is not about paying retirees' deferred pension but about casino operation on Saipan.

He spoke at length what he described as negative social impacts of having a casino on Saipan, including increased murders, "ice" trafficking and money laundering, among other crimes. He said he doesn't want to be a part of the decision that would allow more crimes to happen on Saipan.

"The question is not really about retirees' 25 percent pension. …We all agreed it should be returned to them. The question before us is having a casino on Saipan. …Participation on a monumental decision rests only with 29 lawmakers and the governor," he said. He asked his colleagues whether they believe Saipan's power, water, and other infrastructure can accommodate a 2,000-room casino resort.

The votes

The 15 House members who voted "yes" to HB 18-195, HD1's passage—in the order of their voting—were Reps. Antonio Agulto (Ind-Saipan), Anthony Benavente (Ind-Saipan), George Camacho (R-Saipan), Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Felicidad Ogumoro (R-Saipan), Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), Teresita Santos (R-Rota), Richard Seman (R-Saipan), Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), Roman Benavente (Ind-Saipan), Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian), and Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan).

The three "no" votes were from Reps. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), and Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan).

Villagomez later said he "cannot go against what the people did years ago, and that is vote against the casino."

"It should be referred to the people and let them decide," Villagomez said.

The two absent members were Reps. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan) and Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan).

Yumul and Maratita historically opposed either casino gaming on Saipan or the process by which the Saipan casino bill was passed. The vote could have been 15-5, but that would still send the bill to the nine-member Senate.

Gonzalo DLG. Pangelinan, a retiree, said that Saipan voters had already turned down casino twice, but "times have changed" and retirees need lawmakers' help to get their 25-percent pension back.

Jose Naputi Santos, in vernacular, said he used to enjoy a cheeseburger but with the 25-percent cut on his pension, all he could afford now is the burger—without cheese and other garnishing—drawing laughter from the crowd.

Retiree Catalino Sanchez, for his part, said that people should not miss this opportunity for economic activity. He said he has been reading the newspaper and noted that there has not been a viable alternative to casino that's been offered.

"If you don't have anything to present, zip it…If you say 'no' to casino, why?"

He said he was livid to learn that the Saipan casino issue could be brought to Washington, D.C. "That is disrespectful to us," he said, adding that he sees it as a "threat" and an act of "bullying" the CNMI.

Representatives of the two casino applicants—Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. and Best Sunshine International Ltd.—were also at the House session.

The two are vying for a license to exclusively develop a minimum $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan with at least 2,000 guest rooms.

CNMI joins Guam in mourning senator Ben Pangelinan

REFERENDUM PETITIONS HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Concerned citizen Leila Staffler prepares to submit on Monday to the Office of the Attorney General on Capital Hill referendum petitions with over 4,200 signatures to reject and repeal the Saipan casino and electronic gaming laws and place them on the ballot in November instead.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and others from the CNMI are joining Guam in mourning the loss yesterday of longtime Guam senator and former speaker Vicente "Ben" Pangelinan, whose family has roots on Saipan. Pangelinan passed away yesterday after a valiant battle with cancer.

Inos, Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), and former lieutenant governor Diego Benavente separately said the CNMI and its people extend their sincere condolences to Pangelinan's family, the Guam Legislature, and Guam as a whole.

"It's a big loss to the people of Guam. Senator Ben has always given a balanced view on many issues; that's a good thing," Inos said in an interview at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting yesterday at Hyatt Regency in Garapan.

The governor said Pangelinan advanced the Democratic Party's political views and ideals, but at the same time provided the public a venue to express their own views and opinions.

Inos said he knew Pangelinan from their college days in the late '60s at the University of Guam.

Benavente said Pangelinan is one of Guam's longest serving senators, and has been a champion of peoples' causes.

"I knew him even before he was a senator…I knew him to be very dedicated and truly loved by the people of Guam. We are going to miss him. He's always been one of the Guam senators we call on if we in the CNMI have issues with Guam. He always responded," Benavente said. He added that Pangelinan is his uncle.

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Guam senator and former speaker Vicente "Ben" Pangelinan.

Benavente said during his early years as a senator, Pangelinan was known as someone who's "Saipanese or Guamananian."

"I thought he was getting better, so his passing came as a surprise," he added.

Pangelinan was co-author of a Guam bill that is now paving the way for the CNMI to export cattle or livestock to Guam. Bill 297-32, co-authored by Guam Speaker Judith Won Pat, became law in May, removing a required test for a cattle disease that is endemic to the whole Marianas but is no longer considered a major concern by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Reyes said notwithstanding the fact that he's cousins with Pangelinan, he described Pangelinan as a "very well respected lawmaker."

"His knowledge, his contributions to the Guam Legislature and the people of Guam are substantial. He also has substantial knowledge of budget and finance. He will sorely be missed by the people of Guam and the CNMI. He also shared his knowledge to the CNMI Legislature. His legacy will live on. His tenacity and articulation on every issue that arises…Our family on Saipan are praying for him. We extend our sincerest sympathy, condolences to the family in Guam, the Guam Legislature for the loss of one of its members," Reyes added.

Within hours of Pangelinan's passing Tuesday morning, condolences and praises poured in from both sides of the political aisle and from people near and far. Dignitaries spoke of Pangelinan as a tireless advocate for Chamorro self-determination, a true leader and genuine statesman, among other things.

'Foundation money will go to DPS museum and memorial, incentive'

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REPORTER

Money donated to the Department of Public Safety Foundation will go to a museum and memorial as well as to an incentive program for DPS staff, according to DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero.

He disclosed these projects shortly after Godfather's Beach House Bar owners Ron Biggers and Scott Dottino turned over to him a $1,544 check representing proceeds from a 4th of July fundraiser the bar hosted at the Fiesta Resort and Spa's beachside.

Deleon Guerrero immediately handed the check to the Foundation's treasurer.

Biggers said he and Dottino are donating the money to show their appreciation to DPS and police officers on the island.

"They're doing a terrific job for us here. A lot of times they're always out there on the front line for us. And we see that, day in and day out in our business. And this is our way of sharing our appreciation for the job you do," said Bigger.

Dottino said they hope the amount will help a good cause, whatever DPS chooses to use it for.

Biggers and Dottino are employers of the late bartender Emerita Romero, who was kidnapped, robbed, raped, and murdered by Joseph A. Crisostomo.

Deleon Guerrero said he would like to see the DPS Foundation focus on two key principles when looking at future projects: it will have a lasting impression and it will benefit the community.

Deleon Guerrero said he would also like to see some kind of an incentive program that will reward deserving DPS employees.

He pointed out that a lot of DPS officers have not received any salary raises since 2001.

"I think that having some kind of an incentive program will go a long way," he added.

Deleon Guerrero said somebody may be selected as the department's employee of the year and given a monetary reward.

He said one major project they're working on this year is the public safety museum and public safety memorial at the renovated former Superior Court buildings.

He said they have already organized efforts to reach out to the families of officers who were killed in the line of duty or those who have retired and passed away. A memorial, the commissioner said, will be built in front of the museum where the names of these officers will be inscribed.

He said they will get old pictures, old weapons, and other things that they want to display in the museum.

He said they also want the museum to show the evolution of the officers' uniforms from the beginning up to the present.

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MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

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MVA-RFP-14-2314

For: Architect and Engineering Services for the Marianas Visitors Authority

Closing Date: **July 11, 2014** Time: **3:00 P.M.**

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. NICOLAS M. MENDIOLA, Defendant.) Civil Action No. 13-0015) AMENDED NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE

AMENDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgaged Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **11th day of August, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.
1. Rights and duties of Auctioneer. Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c) to reject any and all bids.
2. Bids. Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be binding, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom .com.
3. Deposit and Payment. A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.
4. Change of Terms. Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.
5. Inspection and No Warranty. Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.
DATED this 9th day of June, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

SIS teacher one of 51 awarded James Madison fellowships

Eric Alan Cooke, a teacher at Saipan International School on Saipan, has been awarded a James Madison Fellow by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation of Alexandria, Virginia, in its 23rd annual fellowship competition. A total of 51 fellowships were awarded in 2014.

James Madison Fellowships support further study of American history by college graduates who aspire to become teachers of American history, American government, and social studies in the nation's secondary schools, as well as by experienced secondary school teachers of the same subjects.

Named in honor of the fourth president of the United States and acknowledged "Father of the Constitution and Bill of Rights," the fellowship will fund up to $24,000 of Cooke's course of study toward a master's degree. That program must include a concentration of courses on the history and principles of the United States Constitution.

Cooke was selected for a James Madison Fellowship in competition with applicants from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the nation's island and trust territories. The fellowship—funded by income from a trust fund in the Treasury of the United States and from additional privates gift, corporate contributions, and foundation grants—requires its recipient to teach American history or social studies in a secondary school for at least one year for each year of fellowship support. The award is intended to recognize promising and distinguished teachers, to strengthen their knowledge of the origins and development of American constitutional government, and thus expose the nation's secondary school students to accurate knowledge of the nation's constitutional heritage.

Founded by an act of Congress in 1986, the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation is an independent agency of the executive branch of the federal government. Additional information may be found at www.jamesmadison.gov. ***(PR)***

GOOD SAMARITAN
Tinian Mayor Ramon M. Dela Cruz presents Dennis Reyes with a plaque of appreciation on July 2, 2014, in recognition of Reyes' selfless and heroic efforts in coming to the aid of distressed tourists at Tinian's Long Beach on June 5, 2014. "While working at a tour company, Dennis was at the place where the tourists needed assistance, and he acted to save lives," said Dela Cruz. "We are proud of his efforts."
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Still no good leads in As Gonno double homicide

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REPORTER

The Department of Public Safety until now has no significant leads on the killing of a Chinese couple in As Gonno in February that also saw the couple's house deliberately burned down, with their bodies inside.

In an interview with reporters, DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero said the department has been working in close coordination with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives in investigating the As Gonno double homicide case.

Deleon Guerrero said beyond ATF's involvement in the investigation they don't have good leads in the case.

"We are still appealing to the members of the community who may know something to give information," the commissioner said.

The bodies of Qing Xiu Zheng and her husband, Guo Huang Xu, were found charred inside their house last Feb. 23.

The family of one of the victims is offering a $5,000 cash reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the arrest of the person or persons behind the killing.

Police have classified the death of the victims as a double homicide.

The two reportedly died due to smoke inhalation as a result of the fire that razed their house to the ground.

Russian hacker arrested in Guam

Roman Seleznev, a Russian national indicted in the Western District of Washington for a computer hacking scheme that compromised the financial accounts of credit card customers, was arrested in Guam on July 6, 2014, by law enforcement agents from the U.S. Secret Service.

Seleznev was indicted in March 2011 for multiple counts of bank fraud, intentional damage to a protected computer, obtaining information from a protected computer, possession of 15 or more unauthorized access devices, trafficking in unauthorized access devices, and aggravated identity theft related to a computer hacking scheme that occurred between October 2009 to February 2011 within the Western District of Washington and elsewhere.

The superseding indictment from the Western District of Washington details, among other things, a bank fraud scheme in which Seleznev is charged with hacking into retail point of sale systems and installing malicious software on the systems to steal credit card numbers. The indictment further alleges that Seleznev created and used infrastructure to further the theft and sales of credit card data, and used servers worldwide to facilitate the operation.

Seleznev appeared before the Joaquin V.E. Manibusan, Magistrate Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam, on Monday, July 7, 2014, for his initial appearance, and was remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshals Service pending a further hearing set for July 22, 2014.

Alicia A.G. Limtiaco stated: "The United States Attorney's Office for the Districts of Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands is committed to working with our law enforcement partners and community of United States Attorney's Offices, to combat against cybercrime, data theft and financial crimes, and to hold offenders accountable and ensure that they are brought to justice."

The charges contained in the indictment are only allegations. A person is presumed innocent unless and until he or she is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law. ***(USAO)***

4 Saipan beaches red-flagged

The Division of Environmental Quality has red-flagged four Saipan beaches and is advising the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

Affected sites are Bird Island Beach, Hidden Beach, Unai Dangkulo, and Old Man by the Sea.

Samples collected from these locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards. These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainage every Tuesday. For more information, contact DEQ at 664-8500. ***(DEQ)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CNMI Baseball Team to host dinner show fundraiser

The Saipan Baseball League Board invites everyone to their final Micronesian Games fundraiser, a dinner show, on Thursday, July 10, 2014, from 6pm to 11pm, at the Central Park in Garapan, next to Gold's Gym. Tickets are $10 each. All beverages will be on sale at $2 each. Raffle tickets will also be on sale for a chance to win great prices!

Proceeds of this fundraiser will benefit the CNMI National Baseball Team's room and board expenses while In Pohnpei.

You may purchase your ticket(s) from any of the following SBL board members: Rose Igitol (287-1129), Tony Rogolifoi (285-3966/234-6672), Bernard Cabrera (287-7252), and AJ Murig (989-0640), or from any of the National Team members. ***(PR)***

CNMI Women's Association's Raffle postponed

Because of difficulty circumstances, the drawing date for the CNMI Women's Association's Raffle has been moved to Aug. 30, 2014. Your understanding and support is sincerely appreciated. ***(PR)***

Century Tours Inc.
Is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

General Manager, Retail (1)
College degree with management major and at least five (5) years of progressive retail management experience. Preferably with experience in managing a high-volume ($10 million+ annual sales) retail establishment.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in retail store operations is required. Preferably with management and related experience in merchandising and logistics. Written and verbal communications skills in Chinese (Mandarin) preferred, must be able to communicate with Chinese vendors and suppliers.

Operations Supervisor, China Market (1)
High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent. At least three (3) years work experience as a tour operations staff in a tour/travel agency, preferably with at least two (2) years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Accountant (1)
Associate or College degree in Accounting. At least three (3) years work experience in general and financial accounting in a tour operation or sales or service based work environment.

Cashier (1)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with at least one (1) year work-related skill, knowledge, or experience.

Operations Assistant, China Market (1)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least two (2) years office experience in tour operation or sales or service related work. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Operations Clerk, China Market (2)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least one (1) year office experience in travel or tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Inventory Planner, Retail (1)
College or Associate's degree in a related field or equivalent experience. At least two (2) years planning, distribution and merchandising analysis experience. Proficient in various computer software application and inventory systems.

Supervisor, Retail (2)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least three (3) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Visual Merchandiser, Retail (1)
College or Associate's degree in a related field. At least two (2) years experience in visual merchandising and presentation.

Sales Associate, Retail (10)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. Prior experience in luxury retail sales is preferred including the ability to speak in Chinese (Mandarin). Must be able to lift, carry or otherwise move objects weighing up to 15 pounds.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_ctr@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 11, 2014. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Associate's degree in Sales & Marketing or Accounting with minimum of 3 years experience in sales. Proven skills in product marketing and providing excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of reports and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Sales Representatives – Hospitality Industry and Lubricants
A minimum of 3 years work related experience required with a successful sales record. Preferably with Associate's Degree in Sales & Marketing. Sales experience with hotel, F&B, and restaurants together with knowledge of their inventory and supply operations an advantage. Knowledge of petroleum lubricants is a plus. Proven good tract records in product marketing and excellent customer service are required. Must be proficient in MS Excel and Word for preparation of report and Outlook for email. Must provide for his/her own reliable transportation for out-of-office work activities and must also be able to meet monthly sales targets. Applicant needs to be able to lift at least 50 lbs. Extensive contacts in various businesses and industries are advantage. Available to work on evenings, holidays, weekends.

Business Operations Manager
Graduate of 4-year Business or Accounting course and at least 6 years of progressive management experience in wholesaling and product distribution. Minimum of 5 years general management experience in warehouse, sales, purchasing and distribution activities. Must be proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, MAS90/Sage Accounting Software and Microsoft software. Must have a solid track record in meeting business objective.

Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.
Salaries will be commensurate with qualifications and experiences.
For applications to be considered, they should be sent to
hrd@cosmosdistributing.com
Not later than July 25, 2014

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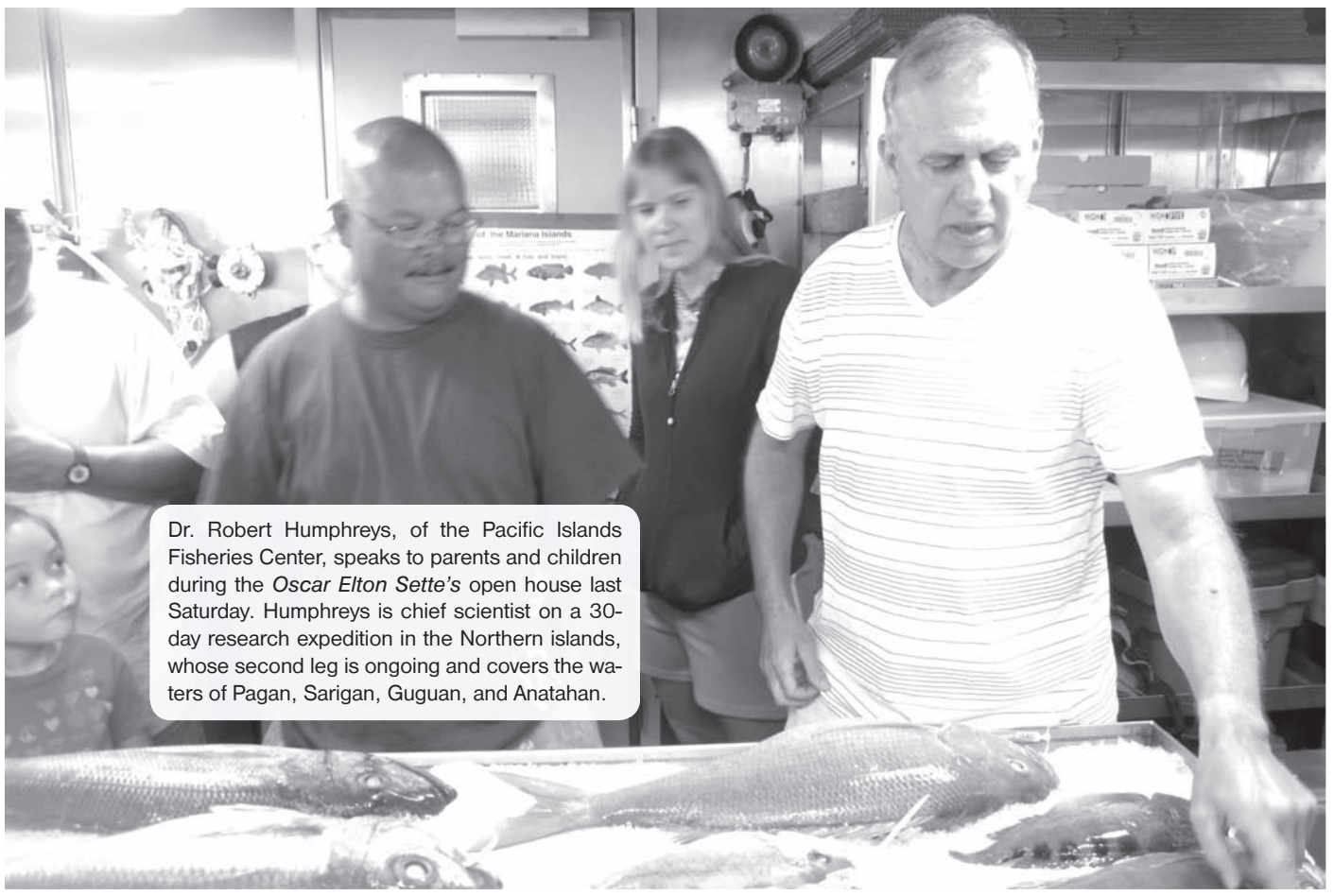
Research looks into state of fish stocks in Northern Islands



Dr. Robert Humphreys, of the Pacific Islands Fisheries Center, speaks to parents and children during the *Oscar Elton Sette's* open house last Saturday. Humphreys is chief scientist on a 30-day research expedition in the Northern islands, whose second leg is ongoing and covers the waters of Pagan, Sarigan, Guguan, and Anatahan.

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REPORTER

An interagency effort of scientists led by Dr. Robert Humphreys of the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center recently concluded the first leg of their research in the Northern Islands between June 19 and July 3.

A presentation on what research they did up north was held Saturday evening at the American Memorial Park Auditorium in Garapan.

The bottom-fishing research occurred in the waters of Uracus, Maug, and Asuncion. Target species included deep-slope snappers, surgeon fish, and parrot fish.

Humphreys said the fish liked to gather around drop-offs and steep slopes underwater.

In Asuncion, an ancient lava flow on its western side formed a plateau that made for a straight drop-off. The research team was unable to collect data in the area, according to Humphreys.

To navigate the changing topography and depths of the islands' waters, researchers used global positioning devices and electric and hydraulic reels, among other devices.

The instruments differed drastically from 30 years ago, according to Humphreys, when he last did research in the Northern Islands.

Humphrey's research studies the life history of fish, collecting biological information to determine length at certain ages and longevity.

His data helps assess the fish stocks of the Northern Islands to detect trends in the fishery over time, to see if fisheries are depleted or still healthy. Humphreys explained that the data helps assess a stock's vulnerability to fishing.

He gave mahi-mahi as an example of fish, with its lifespan of five years, whose high turnover makes it less likely to be knocked down to dangerous population levels.

On the other end of the scale, according to Humphreys, would be sharks who are not as reproductive.

From the sagittal otoliths—the earbones of bottomfish—scientists are able to assess marks on the bone to determine age.

One dating process dates the amount of radiocarbon in the earbone. Humphreys explained that in the early 1960s, nuclear testing resulted in the radioactive carbon-14 to fall in the water. The bomb radiocarbon was absorbed by coral skeletons and fish earbones alike. The earbones themselves are a "minerals," according to Humphreys, consisting of calcium carbonate.

If bomb radiocarbon markings are high, it suggests the fish was alive during the time of nuclear testing. Humphreys said with this dating process some fish have been proven to be much older, sometimes as much as 20 years.

To measure reproduction in the fish, fish gonads are studied. The developing eggs can suggest the stage of the fish's development.

Humphreys said otolith preparation and analysis as well as that with gonads took as much as one year. Other timelines for data collected on the trip, like water sampling, takes one to two years.

Todd Miller, another presenter, called the Marianas Archipelago unique because it spans a large environment gradient. Factors like ocean currents, temperature, and primary production of nutrients differ across this gradient.

He described the Marianas Archipelago as "perfect natural experiment" to test how these factors affect a fish's growth, reproduction, and survival.

Another presenter, Ryan Okano of the CNMI's Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, claimed the hydrothermal vents in waters surrounding the Northern Islands like that of Uracus provide a "glimpse into the future" as acidic levels there can be used to gauge the effects of climate change on the world's oceans.

Okano and other scientists also collected water samples during the trip, but there are no solid results yet as finding are only preliminary.

The second leg of the trip is ongoing and began on July 7. It will conclude on July 21.

As on the first leg of the trip, scientists and crew are aboard the *Oscar Elton Sette*, a research vessel from Honolulu.

The interagency research involves scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center and the CNMI's Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and Division of Fish and Wildlife.

9th Circuit Judicial Conference to convene in Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO—The 2014 Ninth Circuit Judicial Conference will be held July 14-17, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency in Monterey, California. The conference is authorized by law "for the purpose of considering the business of the courts and advising means of improving the administration of justice within the circuit."

The conference provides an exceptional educational program and facilitates circuit governance through numerous business meetings. Conferees include judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and the U.S. district courts and U.S. bankruptcy courts in nine western states and two Pacific island territories; lawyers practicing in these courts; court staff; and special guests. For space and security reasons, attendance is by invitation.

The theme of this year's conference is "Access to Justice" in recognition of the 50th anniversary of *Gideon v. Wainwright*, the U.S. Supreme Court decision establishing the right of indigent criminal defendants to court-appointed legal counsel. The program features presentations on Gideon; the inter-relationships between court decisions and law enforcement practices; the ongoing debate over discovery in criminal cases; the resiliency of the Constitution; and how the current crisis in legal education is affecting the courts. Supreme Court Justice Anthony M. Kennedy will attend the conference and participate in the program.

The U.S. Courts for the Ninth Circuit consists of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and the federal trial and bankruptcy courts and related court units in Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, the U.S. territory of Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

Century Hotel
Invites qualified US workers to apply for the following position:

General Maintenance Worker (1)
Requires: High School Diploma, GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform room cleaning, carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Minimum of two to three years experience as an Electrician and one year of apprenticeship experience in manufacturing or either construction; or a combination of experience, training and education in housekeeping and in related field, preferably with knowledge of the hotel industry.

This position is responsible for the upkeep of hotel facilities. The responsibilities include guest room cleaning according to standards and analyzing and correcting electrical problems, repairing and overhauling electrical equipment and controls and promoting efficient consumption of utilities.

Applications can be obtained at the security post located on the south wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 11, 2014. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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L&T Group of Companies is inviting individuals to apply
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Accountant
Associate's Degree in Finance or Accounting with at least 3 years work related experience in financial management and/or payroll and general accounting procedures with emphasis on receivables and payable management. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 FICO system and MS Excel, Word and Power Point software. Must be able to work under time pressure and must work flexible hours. CPA not required.

Applications can be obtained and submitted at L&T Group of Companies, Ltd. office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan.
Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience.
To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00pm, Monday, July 21, 2014.

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POI Aviation invites qualified individuals to apply for the following positions:

Accountant (1)
Bachelor's Degree in Accounting with 2 years of progressive experience in accounting. Airline industry experience preferred.

Accounting Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree in Financial Management / Accounting with 5 year progressive experience in accounting. Proficient in the use of SAP R3 Financial and Controlling (FICO) software, Peachtree and Microsoft software. CPA not required. Airline industry experience preferred.

Administrative Services Officer (1)
Preferably a college graduate with 2 years experience as an Executive Assistant or in a related line of work. Must be computer literate with experience in HRIS, timekeeping systems and preferably with ISO quality management experience.

Aircraft Maintenance Technician (7)
Graduate of Aircraft Maintenance Engineering and/or Aeronautical Engineering program with 2 years experience in airframe and power plant maintenance on both narrow and wide-body aircraft. Must possess current US FAA A&P license or an equivalent foreign license.

Airport Service Agent (3)
High school diploma or its equivalent with at least 2 years experience in aircraft exterior and interior cleaning. Must be able to lift 70 pounds.

Airport Service Agent (3)
High school diploma or its equivalent with at least 2 years experience as a passenger service agent or its equivalent.

Airport Service Supervisor (1)
Associate's degree or its equivalent with at least 6 years of progressive airline passenger service experience.

Customer Service Agent (4)
High school diploma or its equivalent with 2 years experience in ramp cargo loading and unloading. Must be able to operate forklift and lift 70 pounds.

Ground Support Equipment Mechanic (2)
Diploma for technical / vocational course on automotive / diesel engines with minimum of 2 years experience in repair and overhaul of gas and diesel engines for automobiles and other specialized motorized equipment.

Load Planning Specialist (1)
Associate's degree with 2 years of aircraft ramp operations experience. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations. Must possess specific airline certification as a load planner.

Senior Accounts Manager (1)
Bachelor's degree with 5-8 years of relevant management experience in the airline ground handling industry Preferably Korean speaking.

Senior Load Planning Specialist (1)
Associate's degree with 4 years of aircraft load planning experience with specific airline certification as load planner. Must be computer-literate and can perform manual weight and balance calculations.

Technical Operations Supervisor (1)
Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Minimum 2 years supervisory experience.

Technical Operations Manager (1)
Associate's degree in Aviation Maintenance Engineering with 10 years of progressive experience as a licensed A&P Technician and 2 years experience as an auto and diesel mechanic.

Interested applicants may send their applications to recruitment@poiaviation.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 9, 2014. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the POI Aviation Building on International Terminal LP, Saipan International Airport.
Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Statements on the passing of Guam senator Pangelinan

Bordallo mourns Pangelinan's demise

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo issued yesterday the following statement on the passing of Sen. Vicente (ben) C. Pangelinan.

"I am deeply saddened by the passing of Senator Ben Pangelinan. Ben was a dedicated public servant who worked diligently to improve our island. As a ten-term senator, and former speaker in the Guam legislature, he championed many issues for our families, and he fought for his convictions. He was a tireless advocate for Chamorro self-determination, and he was a careful steward of our public funds. I was honored to work with him throughout his career and will deeply miss his friendship.

"Our island has lost a great statesman and leader. I join the people of Guam in honoring Ben's service to our island and remembering his many contributions to our community. My thoughts and prayers are with his family, loved ones, and friends during this very difficult time." ***(PR)***

Sen. Pangelinan

UoG joins mourning for Pangelinan's passing

MANGILAO, Guam—The University of Guam joins the island in mourning the tremendous loss of former legislative speaker Ben Pangelinan, who worked tirelessly for the island and her people as a senator for over two decades. The well-respected leader and statesman was a strong advocate for higher education and the efforts of the university to fulfill its mission. He was also a dear friend to many in the UOG community who worked closely with him over the years.

UOG president Dr. Robert Underwood, who is currently traveling, expressed his sadness at the news. "Speaker Pangelinan was more than just a supporter of resources for the university, he was a champion of sound government finances and an intelligent force for positive change. I knew him for several decades and my admiration for his insights, tenacity and sense of service grew decade after decade. The island will miss his voice."

The leadership at the University of Guam sends its deepest condolences to the family of Pangelinan and to his colleagues in the 32nd Guam Legislature. The university community is grateful for the commitment and dedication to Guam that Pangelinan has demonstrated over the years and will remember his legacy in public service. ***(UoG)***

Statement by Democratic Party state chair

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Sen. Rory Respicio, state chair of the Democratic Party, issued the following statement on the passing of Speaker Ben Pangelinan: "Speaker Ben was a true Democrat and a great senator. My condolences go out to Speaker Ben's family during this most difficult time. As a colleague, Speaker Ben was always a great example to all of us of what it meant to be a public servant. He was a man of ideals and not ambition. He believed in helping working families and those in need. He always fought for what he felt was right, even if it was not popular at the time. With Speaker Ben's passing, the Democratic Party has lost an outstanding leader, and our island community has lost a noble public servant."

Statement by Democratic Party treasurer

Statement from Coy Torres, Treasurer of Democratic Party of Guam, on the passing of Speaker Vicente "Ben" Pangelinan: "My heart goes out Speaker Ben's family on this sad occasion. Speaker Pangelinan was one of the great leaders of the Democratic Party and an inspiration to us all. He was a true man of the people."

Guam Judiciary mourns Pangelinan

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—Chief Justice Robert J. Torres issued the following statement upon learning the news of the passing of the late Senator Ben Pangelinan: "Speaker Pangelinan will be remembered for his expertise and foresight in public finance and government operations. Through his career in the Legislature, he shaped public policy to favor transparency, openness, and equality. He is counted as an early and steadfast supporter for the independence and unification of the Judiciary of Guam. On behalf of the judicial officers and employees of the Judiciary of Guam, we extend our condolences to the Pangelinan family and his loved ones." ***(PR)***

Party vice chair Nerissa Bretania joins mourning

HAGÅTÑA, Guam—On the passing of former Speaker Ben Pangelinan, the vice chair of the Democratic Party, Nerissa Bretania Underwood, expressed her deepest condolences. "Speaker Pangelinan was a fighter for the people all of his life. Just as he fought cancer these past few years, he fought for an honest and accountable government.

"For all Democrats, indeed for all of the people of Guam, Pangelinan represented the power of ordinary people doing extraordinary things. His intellect and his service will be missed." Underwood added. "While there will be thousands of official words of praise in ceremonies for the next few days, there will be many more silent words of praise uttered by the common citizen who felt the power of his service."

Pangelinan passed away yesterday after battling cancer and announcing his retirement a few weeks ago. ***(PR)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

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Happy birthday to RJ Borja! May the Lord shower you with blessings on your special day. We love you so much *yan mangge'* life! Greetings come from your families and friends.

SCS offers financial aid for qualified new students

Saipan Community School has a new program this year that offers financial aid for qualified students new to the school. A limited amount of funds is available, so parents are encouraged to apply soon.

Application forms for the aid program may be picked up at the Saipan Community School, which is located on Beach Road in Susupe. Summer hours for the SCS office are 8am to noon on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

SCS, which was the first Protestant school on Saipan, is a private school for students in kindergarten through eighth grade. Although it is a Christian school, the pre-high school preparatory academy welcomes students from all religious and cultural backgrounds.

"We at SCS are not only dedicated to excellence in education, but also work to develop leadership qualities in our students through community service," said Saipan Community Church Pastor Phil Warren, who is director of SCS. "Our school participates in competitive academic pursuits, including Math Court, the forensics league, the National Spelling Bee, and the science fair. We also partner in island activities like local beach cleanup efforts and the Red Cross walk-a-thon."

The school offers additional programs to enrich and round out its students' education, Warren said. "We are proud of our uke and music programs, art classes and the variety of athletics SCS students may choose from."

To make an appointment to discuss your child's eligibility for the new aid program, or for more information about SCS, call the school at 234-6687 or Warren at 783-0415. Saipan Community School begins its new school year on Aug. 11. ***(SCS)***

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 9, 2006

Waldo: PSS will be hiring 150 teachers

The Public School System will be hiring at least 150 teachers for the upcoming school opening in August, said PSS director of finance Richard Waldo. This is because some of the previous teachers have left the island, either to pursue higher education or to look for "greener pastures." Their ranks were also depleted by last year's retirement of some 60 teachers but some of the retirees have already been replaced, Waldo said. He said the CNMI is not an isolated case in terms of losing its teachers due to the PRAXIS requirement.

'Rota flights to continue'

A consensus was reached between Cape Air and local officials "to continue" flights, albeit at a reduced frequency, between Guam and Rota. Sources privy to the discussion Thursday between Cape Air, Rota delegation, and local tourism and ports authorities said that the consensus is for Cape Air to reduce its flights to two per week rather than suspend all flights altogether by October this year. Currently, Cape Air flies the route daily. At the same time, Cape Air would meet with Rota hotels and tourism-based businesses to strike a deal "to guarantee airline seats."

July 9, 2007

Requests for termination of houseworkers, farmers rise

As the July 25 effectivity of the minimum wage increase nears, the Department of Labor is getting more requests from employers to terminate the employment of their houseworkers and farmers. Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that as of Friday five more employers had informed him of their intention to terminate their houseworkers and farmers. San Nicolas said this now brings to 14 the number of employers who explained that they had given their employees notices of termination as they cannot afford the new minimum wage.

House votes to abolish municipal councils

The House of Representatives voted last week to let the voters decide whether municipal councils should be abolished. The House passed the initiative to abolish the municipal councils, whose lack of lawmaking power has rendered it insignificant in the eyes of many legislative members. House Legislative Initiative 15-5, authored by Rep. Candido Taman, must be approved by three-fourths of the Senate members before it can be placed on the ballot for referendum. Because it proposes a constitutional amendment, the initiative must receive a majority of the votes cast to become law.

July 9, 2008

3 man'amko slam CUC for two-year water leak

Three senior citizens, including one who acted as Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director during the last Man'amko Month celebration, are tired of CUC's alleged inaction on their complaints of a leaking water pipe in their area on Lower Navy Hill. Worse, apparently due to the leak problem, CUC billed two of them—a couple—$1,883 for a one-month supply of water.

Tinian seeks new marketplace to jumpstart island economy

Tinian Mayor Jose San Nicolas is aiming to boost the island's economy with a new marketplace project that could revive the local agriculture industry if it wins funding from public land officials. In a proposal presented to the Marianas Public Land Trust during a hearing on Tinian Monday night, San Nicolas requested a $1.3 million loan to construct the new marketplace and buy equipment for it. "Revitalizing farming and ranching is good for the local economy," the proposal says. "We can produce rather than import. Money stays in our local economy." The new marketplace could give Tinian residents a place to purchase fresh, organically grown produce and prompt visitors to the island to buy locally made goods, it adds. A key aspect of the marketplace proposal is a plan for a mobile slaughterhouse that complies with U.S. Department of Agriculture standards. The slaughterhouse would let Tinian ranchers have the meat they bring to market inspected by the USDA in order to sell it in stores. Keeping a mobile slaughter site, the proposal says, will prove cheaper than a stationary building. To give local farmers a chance to extend the shelf life of their products—and, consequently, their profit margins—the marketplace proposal carries plans for so-called "value-added" sales.

US survivors of WWII battle recall Saipan attack

By CHRIS CAROLA
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SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (AP)—Even after seven decades, Wilfred "Spike" Mailloux won't talk about surviving a bloody World War II battle unless longtime friend John Sidur is by his side.

It was Sidur who found the severely wounded Mailloux hours after both survived Japan's largest mass suicide attack in the Pacific. The pre-dawn assault launched 70 years ago Monday on the Japan-held island of Saipan nearly wiped out two former New York National Guard battalions fighting alongside U.S. Marines.

"He found me in the mud," Mailloux recounted during a visit to the New York State Military Museum to attend a presentation on the battle's 70th anniversary.

Mailloux and Sidur are among the dwindling ranks of WWII veterans of the Army's 27th Infantry Division, which endured some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific, only to have its reputation besmirched by a volatile Marine general in one of the war's biggest controversies.

In the Mariana Islands, 1,400 miles south of Tokyo, Saipan was sought by the Americans as a base for bombing raids against Japan. U.S. forces landed on Saipan on June 15, 1944, with two Marine divisions, the 2nd and the 4th, making the initial beach assaults and losing some 2,000 men on the first day alone.

A few days later, the inexperienced 27th Division joined the fight. A New York National Guard outfit activated in October 1940, the "Appleknockers" still retained a sizable Empire State contingent among its ranks after two years of garrison duty in Hawaii.

The commander of the ground forces at Saipan was Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, dubbed "Howling Mad" for his volcanic temper.

A week into the battle, Smith relieved the 27th's commander, Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith (no relation), after the division lagged behind the Marine units operating on its flanks. The Marine commander not only blasted the 27th's leadership, but he also openly criticized its soldiers in front of war correspondents, who later reported on the rift that became known as "Smith vs. Smith."

Arthur Robinson, 92, of Saratoga Springs knew nothing of the Army versus Marine flap brewing on Saipan. As an infantryman

Robinson

in the 27th's 105th Infantry Regiment, he was concentrating on staying alive. On July 3, he was wounded in both thighs by machine gun fire. Robinson endured a 10-mile ride in a Jeep to a field hospital, with the driver opting to travel on railroad tracks because the road was mined.

On July 7, after three weeks of fighting, two battalions of the 105th Regiment were positioned across a plain along Saipan's western shore. With the island's 30,000 defenders down to a few thousand starving, ill-equipped soldiers and sailors, Japanese commanders ordered one last charge.

The battalions' 1,100 soldiers bore the brunt of what became known as the banzai attack. U.S. military officials later said 3,000 Japanese charged the American lines, though others put the estimate closer to 5,000. Many of the attackers were armed with samurai swords and bayonets tied to poles.

"I was scared as hell," said Mailloux, then a 20-year-old corporal from Cohoes, a mill town north of Albany. "When you hear that screaming—`banzai'—who wouldn't be?"

The 105th's positions were overrun. Firing their rifles until they ran out of ammunition and their machine guns until the barrels overheated, the Americans fell back as the attack became a running street brawl. They set up a second perimeter along the beach and, with their backs to the water, fought for hours before the attackers were all but annihilated.

When it was over, some 4,300 enemy dead were found on the battlefield, about half of them in front of the 105th's positions. The regiment saw 406 killed and 512 wounded.

Mailloux was stabbed in the thigh by a Japanese officer wielding a long knife. Unable to move, he lay in a ditch for hours before Sidur, a 26-year-old sergeant also from Cohoes, found him bleeding in a muddy ditch.

"I didn't know who it was," Sidur said. "I just thought, `Boy, he looks familiar.'"

More than 3,000 Americans died in the land battle for Saipan, about a third of them 27th Division soldiers. Among the dead were scores of New Yorkers, including more than two dozen from Albany-area factory towns. Three members of the 105th killed in the July 7 attack were awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, including Col. William O'Brien and Sgt. Thomas Baker, both from Troy.

Holland Smith declared Saipan secure on July 9, though the 27th remained on the island for weeks.

Survivors of the banzai attack were still recovering from their wounds when they learned of Smith's comments lambasting their division. For many, an intense dislike of the Marine commander and leathernecks in general would last a lifetime. But not for Mailloux, who prefers to remember how the two branches of the service teamed up to defeat a determined foe.

"The Marines were Americans and we were Americans," he said before tears cut off his words.

Guam rampage suspect accused of witness tampering

AP

Suspect Chad DeSoto, center, is escorted from a Superior Court of Guam courtroom during a midday break on Monday, June 23, 2014, in Hagatna, Guam.

By GRACE GARCES BORDALLO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A Guam man accused of killing three Japanese tourists in a rampage inappropriately spoke with two witnesses from jail, prosecutors said Monday.

Judge Anita Sukola will consider a motion Wednesday accusing 22-year-old Chad Ryan DeSoto of witness tampering and obstruction of justice.

Chief Prosecutor Phillip Tydingco said he has recordings of phone conversations between DeSoto and his girlfriend, Reanne Acasio, and his cousin and babysitter, Michele Fatovic. Acasio and Fatovic testified in DeSoto's defense.

DeSoto has pleaded not guilty by reason of mental illness to killing the tourists and hurting 11 others by running his car onto a crowded sidewalk in a tourist area, then crashing into a store and getting out and stabbing bystanders.

Tydingco says DeSoto contacted his girlfriend in the evening on the same day she testified, through a phone system in the jail where he's being held.

The witnesses face the possibility of contempt charges, a crime punishable with up to five days in jail.

Sukola admonished all witnesses, including Acasio and Fatovic, not to talk to anyone about the case.

Witness tampering and obstruction of justice are both misdemeanors, both punishable by up to one year in prison.

Also Monday, Sukola replaced one of the jurors with an alternate for not showing up to court. Sukola said she is considering admonishing the juror or holding the juror in contempt.

DeSoto's lawyers are expected to wrap up their defense arguments this week. Sukola said jurors will likely get instructions next week, followed by lawyers delivering closing statements.

MCS alum graduates with PhD from University of Washington

On June 14, Jasmin Niedo Jones, Mt. Carmel School alumna and former Public School System teacher, received her Doctorate of Philosophy in Educational Psychology – Learning Sciences and Human Development from the University of Washington in Seattle.

The University of Washington held the distinction of receiving the most federal research funding among all U.S. public universities for over 30 years (1974-2009). Since 2009, it continues to hold a place as one of the top two highest recipients. In addition, the university's College of Education ranks seventh among the U.S. News Best Education Schools.

In her first year of doctoral study, Niedo Jones worked as a research assistant in the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation Grant. Her experience supervising students' use of a computerized rapid accelerated program to improve reading fluency and comprehension resulted in the co-authorship of an article published in *Learning Disability Quarterly*.

From 2012-2014, Niedo Jones also participated as a research assistant in the UW Learning Disabilities Center, which is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. As part of the center's goal to identify and treat specific learning disabilities, such as dyslexia, dysgraphia, and other oral and written language learning disabilities, she assisted in the assessment and instructional supervision of participants.

Additional opportunities for co-authorship included the publication of Niedo Jones' research and inquiry project in the journal of *Learning and Individual Differences*, a chapter in *Essentials of Planning, Selecting and Tailoring Interventions*, and a manuscript on levels of language currently pending for review. She also served as member of the advisory panel for the American Psychological Association's upcoming book, *Interdisciplinary Frameworks for Schools: Best Professional Practices for Serving the Needs of All Students*.

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Jasmin Niedo Jones, a Mt. Carmel School alumna and former Public School System teacher, receives her doctorate degree in Educational Psychology – Learning Sciences and Human Development from the University of Washington in Seattle on June 14, 2014.

Since 2011, Niedo Jones was also a recipient of the Rachel Royston Permanent Scholarship. The scholarship supports women educators who demonstrate potential for distinction in their field.

Niedo Jones credits the investment of her parents, Juanito and Esther Niedo, in her education at MCS and the school's "challenging yet amazing teachers," such as former English teacher Ellie Friedman, for preparing her to successfully navigate the rigorous demands of higher education. In her words, "I am immeasurably blessed and grateful to stand on the shoulders of great teachers and the prayers of family and friends." ***(PR)***

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Obama's lectures don't help him get things done

"So sue me."

—President Barack Obama on Tuesday, complaining about Republican leaders

We're not sure who would be spurred into action by the hectoring lectures last week from the president of the United States along the lines of, "I'm right, you should know better." Maybe his kids. Certainly not the Republican members of Congress.

Americans who aren't fierce Republican or Democratic partisans probably rolled their eyes at this display—if they haven't completely tuned out Washington's bimodal distrust and contempt.

Problem is, right now, that mutual distrust and contempt hampers a national response to an urgent humanitarian crisis involving thousands of children.

Nearly 40,000 unaccompanied children from Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras have been apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol after sneaking across the Mexican-U.S. border in the past year. They've mainly come via smugglers, a harrowing journey that puts the kids in extreme danger. Once here, the children are picked up and held in government shelters until they can be released to family or foster care. Eventually they get hearings, or perhaps just fade illegally into communities. This is part of a huge immigration mess that needs fixing.

But the plight of the Central American children should be considered separately—as a refugee crisis. Parents are handing over their kids, some as young as 4, to criminals, in the mistaken belief that U.S. immigration rules have been eased and they'll formally be allowed to stay here.

The worst of it is the risks of the trip. The president warned last week that putting children in the hands of smugglers, or allowing them to travel alone, is terribly dangerous. This week Texas officials disclosed details of the death of an 11-year-old Guatemalan boy whose body was found in Texas scrub just this side of the border. Gilberto Francisco Ramos Juarez was traveling to relatives in Chicago and may have been accompanied at some point by an uncle, according to media reports. The boy's body was found June 15 and identified by a phone number inscribed on his belt. Authorities don't know the full circumstances of his trip but suspect he died of heatstroke.

Obama sent a letter to Congress on Monday seeking $2 billion to help pay for the government response to the influx of children, plus lawmakers' cooperation on the larger question: What to do with the children in U.S. hands? Current law doesn't allow the Border Patrol to immediately turn back unaccompanied minors from noncontiguous countries as it can with Mexican children.

If the president truly wanted cooperation on this crisis, why did he also unload a term's worth of frustration with gridlock by chiding Republicans for torpedoing immigration reform?

Republicans share blame for the failure to reach agreement on immigration legislation. You needn't take Obama's word on that. Take the word of the conservative and pro-immigration Wall Street Journal Editorial Board, which wrote Wednesday that "a majority of GOP members wanted an immigration reform to pass as long as they didn't have to vote for it."

Business leaders who grew more vocal this year about the need for immigration reform have also grown more frustrated

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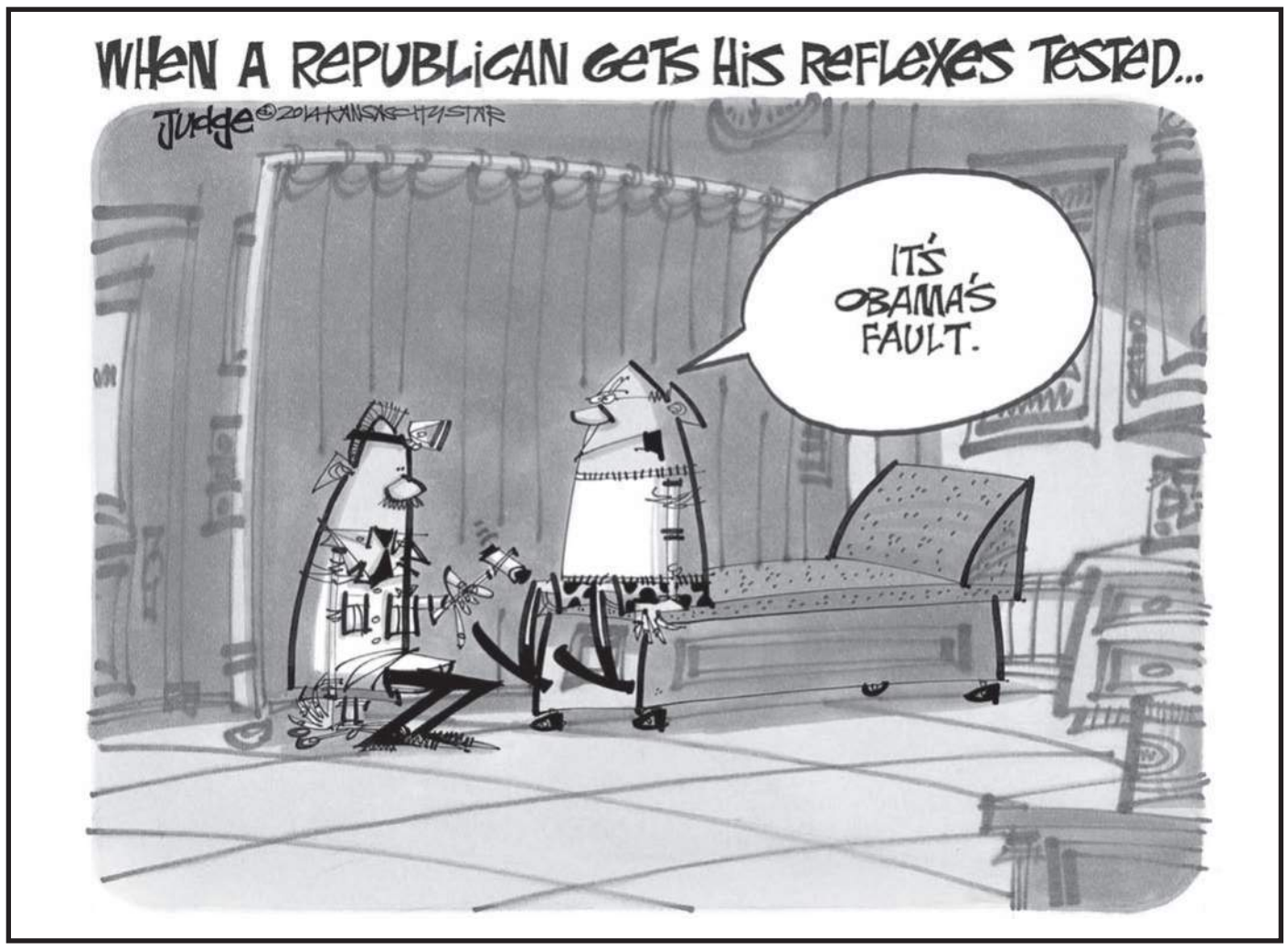

Lac und Shan

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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I joined members (and their spouses) of a Davao City High School '59 class reunion travel from Calgary to the Banff and Jaspers National Parks over the weekend, overnight at Lake Louise that's popularly visited in the winter for its historic Chateau Lake Louise, supported by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the Trans-Canada Highway (Highway 1) that cut across its area in the Calgary to Vancouver line.

Members of DCHS'59 class were mostly visitors from the East Coast of the U.S. (Connecticut, New Jersey, Virginia) and Michigan, invited by a classmate for the Calgary Stampede and the Banff-Jasper Park tour. One of the Connecticut class alumni is married to a Canadian from Montreal so we also had a Canuck in the crowd, albeit an Anglo in Frenchified Quebec.

We are mixing metaphors in our title here. *Lac* is French for lake (Canadian official signage is bilingual) and the impressive one in this telling is Lake Louise with the numerous lakes that dot the Banff and Jasper National Parks in Alberta. "Lac" recalls the first anniversary of the disaster that devastated the town of Lac–Mégantic in Quebec when a railway 72-container convoy of fossil fuel exploded; more than 40 folks perished. *Und* is a German conjunction we heard many times uttered in the throng of visitors.

Shan is the Chinese word for mountain, like Changbai Shan of the elevated crystal lake in the border of North Korea and China in Jilin Province not too far from where I reside. I was struck at the frequency of *Putunghua* heard in the crowd. The two-day trek through the *lac und shan* of the Canadian Rockies was spectacular and the conviviality of members of the DCHS59 was very welcoming. An amicable ambience was set by the classmates' Pinoy jokes during the bus ride and during the shared meals; it raised the levity threshold to a high level. They were also friendly and earthy (as one said, not "suffocated," a mistaken term for "sophisticated"), not elderly resigned but maturely engaged.

If one mistakes our title as a weak Asian version of "rise and shine," forgive the blandness but my downbeat is more on the dominance of the "foreigners" in the crowd of tourists, who evidently, like the crowd I joined, came to sniff the horse droppings at the Calgary Stampede and just moseyed on to the fresh and fragrant aroma of Banff and its immense natural surroundings.

Banff and Lake Louise are known tourist destinations because the Railway folks did not hesitate to use both in their promotions from the day the line from Calgary to Vancouver was built. The National Park Service also had programs that invited artist to take residence in the park; those who were just beginning their craft had the added caveat that some of their work were used for Railway publications.

One of the remarkable features of the park is its story. We were told that we were just visitors to the natural wildlife dwellings in the waters and trees; humans were the aliens rather than the natives. The image was vividly drummed when we were asked how we'd feel if someone came to our yard and started taking pictures.

Park trash bins were operable only by humans, designed to thwart scavenging bears whose numbers were decimated by campers when the wildlife came to share in the discarded dinners.

In the major valley highway that connects Banff and Jaspers through the valley between the two ranges, there were wide crossover paths that were not designed for vehicular traffic. Since the wired fences were constructed to limit the incidence of potential accidents, the crossover naturally joined families with ease.

Wildlife was visibly abundant from the ducks and birds in the waters and in the trees. A young grizzly and a black bear also managed to come within sight of the road, and the park police urged traffic to move on as the delighted gawkers snapped their smartphones and SLRs for the rare sighting. The aquamarine, emerald, and green coloration of the waters characterized a pristine surrounding that even kept its ground "out houses" inoffensive.

Noteworthy were the headwaters of the Bow and Saskatchewan rivers. In our tour, we scooped the water of the majestic Moraine Lake (moraine is a pile of rocks resulting from a landslide abetted by an avalanche induced by glacier movement), named by the rocks falling on the downward side of a stream that created the lake long ago.

We ended in the Columbia ice field among the Athabasca glaciers in Jaspers. That was a treat as a busload of us were ferried to the ice crawlers with tires bigger than those of farm tractors, effecting incredible traction to navigate the 45-degree incline on-and-off the glacier surface. The glacier moves at one centimeter a day so there was no immediate danger of an accident unless one falls between the crevasse (ice crevices); the visit was orderly, the group given 20 minutes to walk around the surface of the ice before returning to our sci-fi looking crawlers.

Lac und shan, it can happen anywhere in the world. Got me in Canada.

Reassessing our journey

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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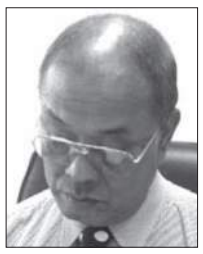

Throughout the years we've developed and strengthened personal perception to see events as they unfold locally and at the global level. We've moved from conventional wisdom to insightful intuition. We try to understand the meaning and context of issues we face daily. We've also built personal tool sizing up people to understand their mettle and idiosyncrasies.

In the process, we've learned to ask the right questions and analyze answers to identify fact from fiction. For all the competing distractions, we try to navigate our way through a hectic day calmly. Across these pearly isles, we know something's amiss, quizzing how we came down this low after 36 years of constitutional government.

Understandably, the working of a democratic republic is a woefully protracted process. We've slowly learned that ours is a government of laws founded "by the people, of the people, and for the people." If this hasn't sunk into your cranium then you must be "a politician who'd lay down the lives of others in defense of our country"! No worries! Even this didn't survive initial apprehension.

Temblor in voter land

In this long journey, we've also learned the troubling and humiliating disconnect and disengagement of people at the helm on people's issues.

Front and center is the deepening economic dystopia—where nothing works—and you ask how could they have royally missed the boat? Well, political punditry isn't a game changer for we're equally capable of dissecting the truth from the apparent. But with the mother goose of disconnection found in ignorance plastered with arrogance as icing on the cake, could we really expect anything better?

The degenerative and toxic environment feeds upon its own parasitic influence, pushing everything that is hopelessly mediocre. So where do "we the people" fit in this scenario? Do they even have rudimentary inkling about the principles of democracy?

How about mature perception of the corrosive effects of predatory policies and what needs to be done to rectify this anomaly? I can generously forgive ignorance but not self-inflicted stupidity especially those whose craniums have been fossilized, singing *White Christmas* in July.

Is there hope ahead? Yes, I've met with some of our best students at NMC who are wary of their future role. As more of them secure their education and degrees the stronger the promise of our children meeting brighter break of dawn in the near and far term. It means the CNMI would have a far more educated workforce. I take pride in NMC taking the lead in the education of our children and it deserves the community's accolades and constructive contributions.

It has begun morphing into four-year degree programs. I'm optimistic it would eventually attain full accreditation as a four-year institution equipped with a highly respected "research and development center" with pivotal role in policy formulation. It's the only way we could do it right where the right hand knows what the left hand is doing.

Finally, if you're on the wrong side of the fence please stay put. The next dump truck should haul you up to the Marpi landfill for lifetime honorary membership! Well, you would be our least worry as we forge ahead filling your posts with fully committed, young, and educated candidates this November!

Guarding the innocent

Meanwhile, I've seen one too many careers fold voluntarily, the genesis being self-inflicted political doom. But this isn't the first time that I've outlasted careers among the elected elite. I've been down this road so many times in the last four decades. They come and go by the dime a dozen! Wish I could share some crocodile tears. Sorry! No time for misguided compassion here.

I may have been crusty but there's no room for political niceties either nor do I wish to devolve into stroking bruised errand ego. I've also seen how history has soundly buried those who have lost their true north while at the helm. If anything, it's always good to follow your innermost truth!

I've seen conscientious leadership at its best among our very own. They were people of integrity who employed mindfulness in the conduct of their duties as elected officials. There's a dearth for this form of leadership today, a troubling scarcity.

Leadership pertains to improving the wellbeing of others. It's the interest of others first over yours. Has this been the case in recent past? If so, how do you justify or explain the 80 percent reduction in the buying power of people you represent?

The cost of basic needs has gone up excessively while salaries remain the same for 20 years now. Where were you and did you fulfill your fiduciary responsibility on this score?

There's no need for acrimony in our working relationship, provided you focus on substantive issues crafted to improve the livelihood of the people you represent. Have you done this? If so, name one signature accomplishment that meets the context of what was explained herein above.

If not, do you have an explanation beyond groping for words in grand disorientation? Do you now understand why I sometime step on your toes? If "we the people" pay for your loot, the least of expectation is reciprocity in conscious leadership with integrity!

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Buddy Magoo echoed what writer Edith Wharton once said, "Life has its way of overgrowing its achievements including ruins." He added that immaturity could also last a lifetime. It's the "ruins" that took the wind out of the real of laughter this morning. Immaturity we could outgrow but "ruins" takes a process, a long process to fix and put back on track.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's wrong with our educated young people?

I've talked to a couple dozen of you in the past few days and I find the majority of you to be intelligent and resourceful. Most of you have returned with a degree from off island and most of you work, or are hoping to work, for the government. Phooey on you! The ones that are keeping their options open, you need to band together and make this government listen to new ideas. Ideas about up-to-date Web pages, total transparency, accountability to all the people.

I saw Angel Demapan's picture on a roadside billboard and, like I do to everyone I see on a roadside billboard, I Googled, Binged, YouTubed, FBed, Twittered, and LinkedIn him. Wow, was I impressed with his speech to his graduating class at the ELDP IN 2013—this young man can talk and inspire. Then I found out he was in the Hawaii Guard, another plus. This guy is what the CNMI needs—young, dynamic, and resourceful. Then I found out he was running under the Inos-Torres banner and, worse, he was hooked at the hip with Fitial and Eloy and that he joined FB on March 20, 2014, to try to fool the people that he is technologically-savvy. Angel, what happened to you? You had a home run. Actually it wasn't a home run because you haven't posted a single word on the issues and where you stand on them and you forgot to remember, you are known by the company you keep, and, in 2014, the social media websites you maintain.

So, to all you young, intelligent, undecided men and women that think all CNMI elections are fixed beforehand, they might have been in the past but your numbers are probably approaching 4,000 and, if everyone eligible to vote registers, creates an online presence and works hard, you could actually run your own candidate, even a write-in candidate, and win—if you all vote. With four teams splitting 13,000 votes, you can come in the top 2, enough for runoff.

P.S.: Frank Mitchell, thanks for the feedback. Always appreciated.

Gary DuBrall
Chalan Piao, Saipan

The real embarrassment

I can see Frank Mitchell is itching for a fight and I will be more than glad to oblige him. Since you want to point fingers, Frank, and fight dirty instead of offering a solution, I will gladly give you a taste of your own medicine.

Who do you think you are and by what authority do you label people because they have a different opinion? You sound like an idiot on the corner yelling and playing prophet and we all know how ridiculous they look! In fact, you are the new kid on the block trying to make a name by attacking the very people who have earned the respect and even the admiration of many people in our society.

Frank, you are hating and your letter is proof as it was only talking about people when we the people have real issues and challenges that need to be resolved, not name calling matches and the old school practice of killing the messenger. I just wonder who put you up to writing that mess and if you even exist as a real person. In fact, most readers will tell you that only an idiot would dare attack Gary, me, John, and the thousands who support us! I know for a fact that many people pick up the paper looking for something I have written, so please shove that mess you are selling.

You and your friends that agree with you Frank are real embarrassments to our society and your statement stereotyping people by race clearly shows the racist mentality that you and your friends process when you said to Gary: "his unhappy white guy-style ramblings." Frank, you talk like you have polled everyone in the CNMI but your assessment of what readers think and who reads what couldn't be further from the truth. FYI, Frank, I have written thousands of letters and people are still telling me to keep writing so stop hating because you didn't say anything to help our society or the Commonwealth! The sad, funny, and ridiculous thing is you didn't even have an issue to discuss, just badmouthing people. We must pray for you!

Threatening not to read a reply to your letter is not going to save you from the embarrassing blows you have brought upon yourself, Frank. FYI, you may not read this but it does not matter because all the other readers who read this reply will know! You need to learn how to respect other people's opinion and how to stick to the points or issues because character assassination attempts in the opinion section will always backfire in your face! FYI, you can't speak for the entire CNMI and the only people open to public scrutiny in the news are those we have elected, not private individuals like Gary, myself, and John.

Thanks for the exercise, Frank. Hadn't worked out like that in awhile as writers in the opinion section are usually writing about issues, not people. But it did feel good putting you in your place and if you want more just let me know and I will be glad to oblige you.

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

OBAMA'S

From Page 10

with the Republicans, who scurried to hide in dark corners when former House Majority Leader Eric Cantor lost his primary election in Virginia last month, arguably because he favored reform.

But the president's lectures this week have been all certitude, no introspection.

Where's the acknowledgment of his administration's failure to build bipartisan consensus on almost anything? During his first two years as president, Democrats dominated both congressional chambers. Republicans now control the House. After the November election they may control the House and Senate. You'd think, in the sixth year of his presidency, Obama would find a way to deal with the existence of an opposition party that can be as obstinate as he is.

Broad immigration reform, once seen as the best prospect for a rare breakout of bipartisanship, is dead for the year. But we still have an immigration crisis that is putting children at risk and creating more anxiety among U.S. residents in border states.

Obama promised Monday to "move available and appropriate resources" to border security. Beyond that, he didn't offer much. He said top administration figures will be tasked to come up with other responses by the end of the summer.

So the president, who said he'll act when Republicans won't, promised to act on this crisis ... soon.

This should be a rare moment in the Obama presidency when it is possible to put political differences aside. These kids need to be kept safe—and in the custody of the U.S. government, not released—while there is a fair, humane and fast adjudication of their cases.

The children from Central America should get legal counsel. Some may qualify for asylum here. Most will be repatriated. It's important that that happen, and quickly, so families back home recognize that shipping their children to the U.S. border will be perilous—and unrewarded.

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The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼79
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼79
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲59	▼58
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼82
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼74
London	Windy	▲68	▼57
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲86	▼65
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼76
Melbourne	Showers	▲50	▼45
Miami	Thundershowers	▲87	▼77
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲92	▼75
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼74
Paris	Showers	▲66	▼58
Pusan	Thundershowers	▲78	▼73
Rome	Sunny	▲79	▼67
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼59
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲65	▼55
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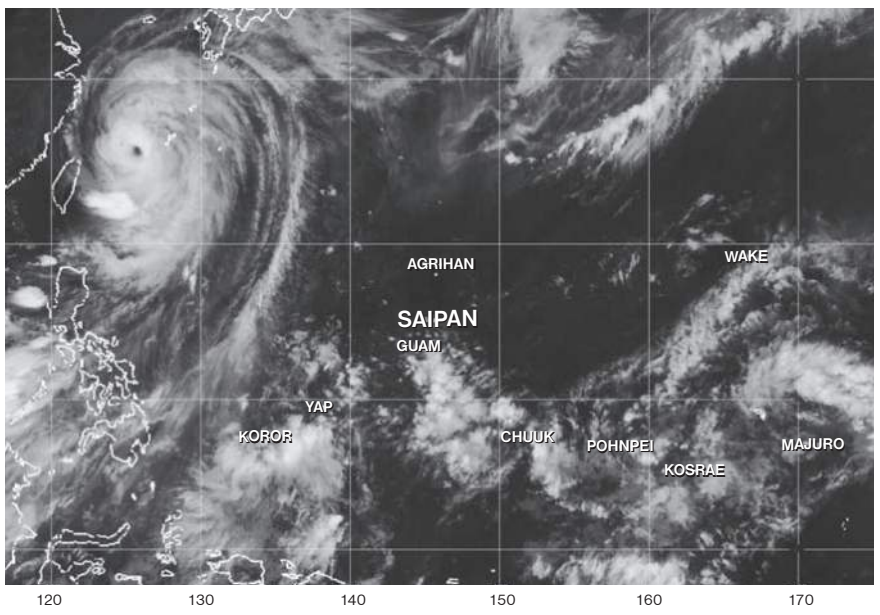
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲87	▼75
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲97	▼74

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, JULY 8, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak circulation centered near 5N140E is causing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across Palau and Yap between 3N and 8N from 133E to 140E. Low-level convergence southwest of the circulation is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between the equator and 5N from 130E to 133E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over and south of the Marianas between 5N and 14N from 145E to 150E and over Chuuk and Pohnpei states between 4N and 6N from 152E to 158E. A surface trough extends from 2N162E to 9N163E and is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Kosrae between 1N and 10N from 160E to 166E. Another surface trough stretches from 7N168E to 11N172E and is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms 150 miles either side of a line that extends from 12N167E to 8N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:42 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
12:10 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:07 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Thursday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Friday	5:53 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:54 AM	6:51 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:33 PM	2:24 AM
Thursday	4:33 PM	3:18 AM
Friday	5:33 PM	4:17 AM
Saturday	6:33 PM	5:19 AM
Sunday	7:30 PM	6:23 AM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
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D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
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HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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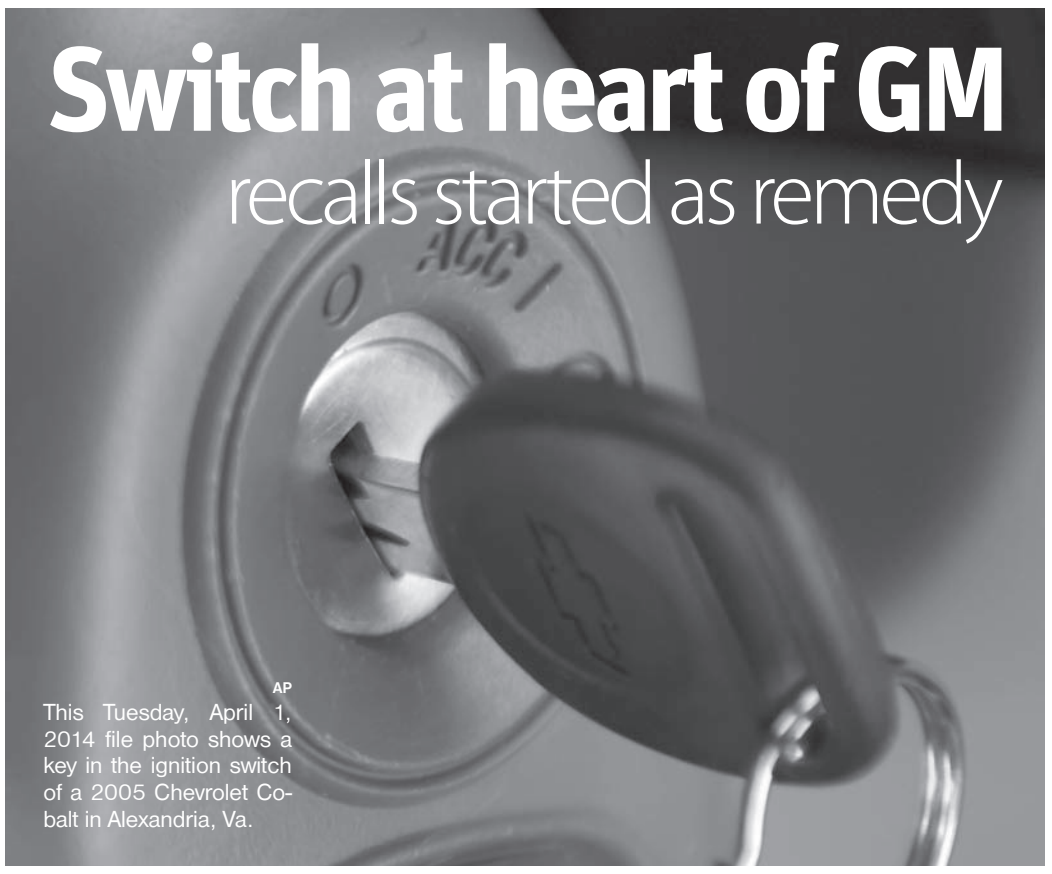

AP
This Tuesday, April 1, 2014 file photo shows a key in the ignition switch of a 2005 Chevrolet Cobalt in Alexandria, Va.

Switch at heart of GM recalls started as remedy

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors' deadly ignition switch flaws emerged from an effort to improve its cars.

As the company began developing new small cars in the late 1990s, it listened to customers who complained about "cheap-feeling" switches that required too much effort to turn. GM set about making switches that would work more smoothly and give drivers the impression that they were better designed, a GM switch engineer testified in a lawsuit deposition in the spring of 2013.

The switches, though, were too loose, touching off events that led to at least 13 deaths, more than 50 crashes and a raft of legal trouble for the Detroit automaker.

Former U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas, hired by GM in March to investigate the switch problems, told a congressional subcommittee last month that GM wanted each small-car ignition to "feel like it was a European sports car or something." After years of lagging behind the Japanese, GM was eager to make better, more competitive small cars.

But as it turned out, the new switches in models such as the Chevrolet Cobalt and Saturn Ion can unexpectedly slip from "run" to "accessory," causing engines to stall. That shuts off the power steering, making cars harder to control, and disables air bags in crashes. GM says the problem has caused at least 13 deaths, but some members of Congress put the death toll near 100.

The problem led GM to recall 2.6 million small cars in February, and forced the company to admit it knew about the switch troubles for more than a decade before taking action. It has touched off federal investigations and prodded GM to review other safety issues, leading to 54 recalls this year covering 29 million vehicles.

The Associated Press traced the history of the problem using Valukas' report as well as a deposition of GM switch engineer Ray DeGiorgio that was released by a House subcommittee. The deposition was also released by lawyers suing GM, but DeGiorgio's comments were redacted in that version.

In a wrongful death case in Georgia, DeGiorgio testified that he started out trying to make the switches easier to turn. But from the beginning he was consumed by electrical issues in the switch, not its mechanical parts.

When the switch supplier, Delphi, pointed out tests showing the switches turned too easily, DeGiorgio told Delphi not to change them because he was concerned mechanical alterations would harm the switch's electrical performance, according to Valukas.

Delphi spokeswoman Claudia Tapia said the company isn't commenting on the details of GM's recall.

In the end, DeGiorgio approved switches that were far below GM's specifications for the force required to turn them. The result was a smooth-turning key, but also one that could slip out of position. Several years later, DeGiorgio signed off on a design change that fixed the problem, but he didn't change the part number, which stymied later attempts to figure out what was wrong with the cars.

Washington state issues 24 marijuana shop licenses

SEATTLE (AP)—Washington state issued its first retail marijuana licenses Monday a day ahead of the start of legal sales, and 21 hours before the only store licensed to sell in Seattle was set to open, a line was already forming.

At Cannabis City, where the owner wasn't planning to open his doors until noon Tuesday, a 65-year-old retiree named Deb Greene, showed up just before 3 p.m. Monday. She had a chair, sleeping bag, food, water and a 930-page book.

"I voted for it, and I'm just so excited to see it come to be in my lifetime," she said. "I'm not a heavy user, I'm just proud of our state for giving this a try."

The start of legal pot sales in Washington Tuesday marks a major step that's been 20 months in the making. Washington and Colorado stunned much of the world by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for adults over 21, and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing the pot. Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

Businesses including Cannabis City, which will be the first and, for now, only recreational marijuana shop in Seattle, got word early Monday morning from the state that they were licensed marijuana dealers.

Owner James Lathrop had already worked into the night Sunday placing no-parking signs in front of his building, hoisting a grand-opening banner and hanging artwork.

Samsung's Q2 operating profit hits 2-year low

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Samsung Electronics Co. said its second-quarter operating income has declined to a two-year low hit by the strong local currency and slowing demand for smartphones in China.

The South Korean company said Tuesday in its earnings preview its operating income was 7.2 trillion won ($7.1 billion) for the three months ending June 30.

The quarterly profit represents a 24 percent drop from the previous year. It is below analysts' expectations of about 8 trillion won.

The figure was the lowest since the second quarter of 2012 when Samsung's income stood at 6.5 trillion won. Since then, Samsung's operating profit never fell below 8 trillion won, largely driven by robust sales of Galaxy smartphones.

Sales fell 10 percent from the previous year to 52 trillion won in the latest period. It did not provide its quarterly net profit and breakdown for its four business divisions.

Samsung, which had usually not elaborated on its financial performance during the earnings preview and waited until its full earnings release at the end of the month, issued a rare statement to explain its disappointing result.

The company blamed the weak profit on the Korean currency's appreciation against the U.S. dollar and the euro, as well as most emerging market currencies. The Korean won hit a 6-year high against the U.S. dollar earlier this month.

Keep a tight lid on post-interview doubts

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QUESTION: I desperately want to work for a particular company in my hometown. When I applied for a position recently, I had an interview with a screening committee, which seemed to go well. Everyone was friendly, and they had a lot of questions. A few days later, however, the hiring manager asked me to apply for a different job, which he thought would be a better fit.

Yesterday, I had the screening interview for that position, and now I'm feeling pessimistic. This meeting was shorter, and the group seemed less welcoming. I think my answers were fine, but noise from the air conditioning might have made them hard to hear.

I would like to tell the hiring manager that even though I may not have done as well in this interview, I am extremely interested in the job. Do you think I should call him?

ANSWER: Your strong desire for this position could easily cause you to create a self-fulfilling prophecy. Like most applicants, you feel out of control, so you scrutinize the hiring process for clues and look for ways to influence the outcome. Unfortunately, however, efforts to make things better can sometimes make them worse.

In reality, you don't have enough evidence to conclude that this interview went badly. Information gained in the first one would logically make the second shorter. The less chummy atmosphere may reflect a different group personality. And if noise had been a problem, you would have undoubtedly been asked to repeat your answers.

Since the hiring manager has already endorsed you for this position, the last thing you want to do is change his previously positive perceptions. If you contact him now, he may begin to sense your desperation. And if you disparage your own interview performance, he will undoubtedly conclude that you lack self-confidence.

So instead of making an ill-advised call, follow standard protocol and send an upbeat thank-you note to everyone involved. Reiterate your interest in the job, and do not say anything even remotely negative. After that, distract yourself with other activities until you receive the verdict.

Q: One of my third-shift co-workers got upset when I was temporarily moved to first shift. "Brittany" felt this assignment should have been hers, so she began complaining to our manager. She constantly sends him negative text messages about me. When I confronted her, Brittany got defensive and said she was just keeping him informed. How can I stop this?

A: Most managers hate being nagged, so Brittany's incessant texting might actually be a self-destructive move. To insure that her attempted sabotage has not had the intended effect, however, you should have a talk with your boss.

For example: "I know Brittany has been sending you a lot of complaints about my work. I'm not worried about her opinion, but I do care about yours. Do you have any concerns about the way I'm handling my new assignment?"

If your manager suggests some changes, that's good information to have. But if all seems well, you can stop fretting about your malicious co-worker. Your boss will eventually tire of her annoying messages and put an end to them.

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LEADING INDICATORS

DOW	S&P	NASDAQ
12,943.36	1,376.51	2,965.90
34.66	3.73	23.29
+0.27%	+0.27%	+0.79%

EXCHANGE RATES

In U.S. dollar terms

Australian Dollar	1.0653	Hong Kong Dollar	7.7503	Philippine Peso	43.49
British Pound	0.5838	Indian Rupee	59.845	Singapore Dollar	1.2458
Canadian Dollar	1.0692	Indonesian Rupiah	11698	South Korean Won	1011.325
Chinese Yuan	6.2072	Japanese Yen	101.793	Swiss Franc	0.8936
Euro	0.7351	Malaysian Ringgit	3.1785	Taiwan Dollar	29.925
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Nation

14 killed and dozens hurt in Chicago shootings

CHICAGO (AP)—Extra police officers on Chicago's streets were not enough to quell a long weekend of violence that ended with 14 people shot to death and dozens more injured.

During a Monday news conference, just hours after two more people were shot to death earlier in the day, Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said his department's best efforts could not prevent the bloodshed that spiked dramatically on Sunday. Chicago's total of 53 shooting incidents for the holiday weekend easily eclipsed Detroit and New York combined, which had a total of 46 shooting incidents, 10 of which were fatal.

"Going into the holiday weekend we had a plan, including putting hundreds more officers on the streets and what were the results?" McCarthy asked. "The results were a lot of shootings, a lot of murders, unfortunately."

The shootings over the Fourth of July holiday weekend included eight incidents that involved police, according to McCarthy. In five of those instances, officers shot at suspects. Two people—both 16—were killed in those shootouts. McCarthy said that based on preliminary investigations, all of the officer-involved shootings appear to have been justified, including one in which officers fired after a suspect who tried to run them over with his car.

Even with the weekend shootings, Chicago police are on pace with last year for officer-involved shootings, with 33 so far in 2014, compared with 35 at the same time last year, according to McCarthy.

The Associated Press took its tally of shooting deaths for the holiday weekend from the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office, from Thursday through Sunday. The number of shooting incidents came from Chicago police and was for Thursday evening through Sunday. The two deaths early Monday morning were not included in the weekend totals.

McCarthy, who came to the nation's third-largest city from New York, used the opportunity to again highlight the number of guns that are on Chicago's streets. While Chicago has tough gun sales and possession ordinances, McCarthy maintains that Illinois needs stiffer penalties for people who violate gun laws.

McCarthy said his officers are seeing more suspects who are reluctant to throw down their guns when confronted by police because they're more concerned with harsh treatment from their gangs if they lose their weapons than the legal system if they are arrested with them.

"Possession of a loaded firearm is not even considered a violent felony in the state of Illinois for sentencing purposes," McCarthy said, noting that gangs, on the other hand, may severely beat a member who loses a gun.

The latest spate of shootings also indicates how dangerous the streets can be, particularly in the summer when the warm weather puts more people on the streets. McCarthy noted that nearly half of the 53 shooting incidents over the holiday weekend happened on Sunday, when temperatures climbed into the upper 80s.

AP

In this Sunday, July 6, 2014 photo, a Chicago police officer checks on evidence at the scene where a man was shot in Chicago's Uptown neighborhood.

Time to impeach Obama?

By WILLIAM DOUGLAS
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WASHINGTON—For many on the far political right, it's high time to charge President Barack Obama with high crimes and misdemeanors.

The "I-word"—impeachment—is creeping back into the political lexicon nearly 16 years after the House of Representatives impeached President Bill Clinton for lying under oath about his affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

From conservative media outlets to the campaign trail to book stores, chatter about impeaching Obama and members of his administration has heated up in recent weeks. It's fueled by conservative anger over the president's increasing use of executive actions on issues such as immigration and air pollution regulations, the exchange of Taliban detainees for the release of U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdhal, and the familiar issue of the Affordable Care Act.

"I submit that Barack Hussein Obama's unilateral negotiations with terrorists and the ensuing release of their key leadership without consult—mandated by law—with the U.S. Congress represents high crimes and misdemeanors, an impeachable offense," former Rep. Allen West, R-Fla., wrote on his website in June.

South Dakota's Republican Party passed a resolution at its June convention calling for Obama's impeachment for violating "his oath of office in numerous ways."

"We wanted to have a shot across the bow to the president and Congress that nobody is above the law," said Dr. Allen Unruh, the delegate who sponsored the resolution. "Our goal is to embolden Congress."

Unruh said he has a "thick book on impeachable offenses of the president." So does Andrew McCarthy, who's been making the conservative media rounds with his recently released book "Faithless Execution: Building the Case for Obama's Impeachment," which offers a sort of template for removing Obama from office.

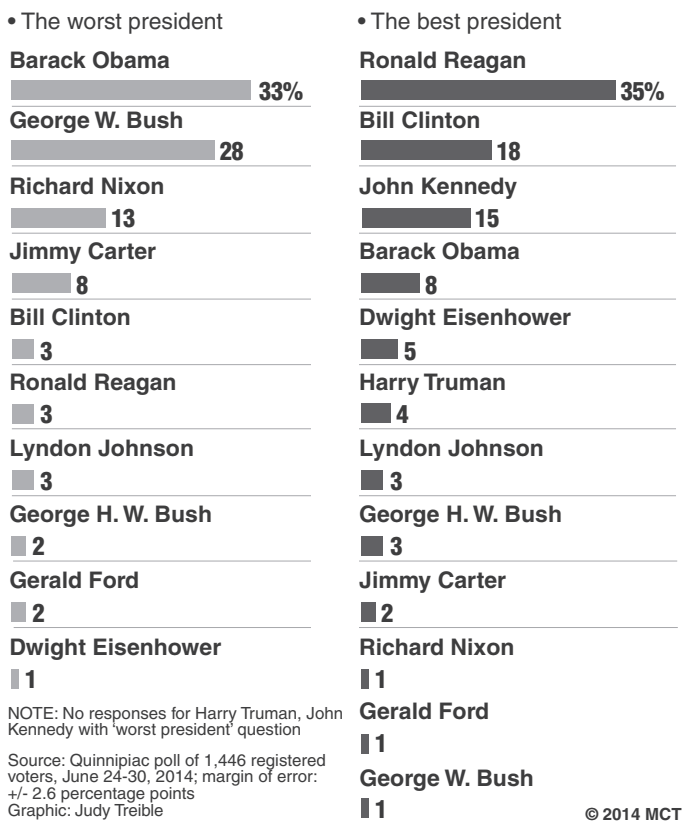
The impeachment drumbeat from the right has gotten loud enough that House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, flatly stated last month that his planned lawsuit against Obama for alleged overreach of his executive authority isn't a prelude to impeaching the president, something establishment Republicans feel would be a wasted endeavor that could hurt the party at the polls.

"I don't see the passion for it, quite honestly. It obscures the issues we want to talk about," said former Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele. "I don't think Speaker Boehner or (Senate Minority Leader Mitch) McConnell want to dance on that pin. People remember 1998."

Republicans were expecting a midterm election boon that year powered by their dogged pursuit of the Lewinsky scandal. Instead, the party lost five seats in the House and failed to pick up seats in the Senate.

Best and worst presidents

How registered voters rank U.S. presidents since 1945, according to a new poll:



NOTE: No responses for Harry Truman, John Kennedy with 'worst president' question

Source: Quinnipiac poll of 1,446 registered voters, June 24-30, 2014; margin of error: +/- 2.6 percentage points
Graphic: Judy Treible

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Prosecutor: Tsarnaev said martyrs go to heaven

BOSTON (AP)—Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told a friend a month before the deadly attack that he knew how to make a bomb and said it's good to be a martyr because you "die with a smile on your face and go straight to heaven," a federal prosecutor told jurors Monday at the friend's obstruction trial.

Tsarnaev also texted the friend, Azamat Tazhayakov, 90 minutes after the bombings and said, "Don't go thinking it's me," Assistant U.S. Attorney Stephanie Siegmann said.

Siegmann's comments came during opening statements at Tazhayakov's trial, a prosecution that promises to provide a glimpse into the government's case against Tsarnaev.

Tsarnaev is scheduled to go on trial in November on charges that carry the possibility of the death penalty. Prosecutors say he and his older brother, Tamerlan, built two bombs and placed them near the finish line of the 2013 marathon to retaliate against the U.S. for its actions in Muslim countries. The explosions killed three people and injured more than 260. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died following a shootout with police several days later.

Tazhayakov, 20, has pleaded not guilty to obstruction of justice and conspiracy charges. He and his roommate, Dias Kadyrbayev, went to Tsarnaev's University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth dorm room several days after the bombing and took a laptop computer and a backpack containing fireworks that had black powder spilling out or had been emptied of their powder, Siegmann told the jury.

"The government will prove to you that the defendant and his co-conspirator removed the backpack for one reason, and that reason was to protect their friend who they had just learned was one of the two suspected marathon bombers," Siegmann said.

Prosecutors acknowledge that Kadyrbayev is the one who actually put the backpack in the trash but said Tazhayakov agreed to get rid of it.

She described a conversation Tsarnaev had with Tazhayakov and Kadyrbayev a month before the bombings while they ate together at a restaurant.

NYC man gets 18 years in college essay rape case

NEW YORK (AP)—She never told her family that her then-stepfather had raped her when she was 8, then revealed the allegation in a college application essay. Telling her painful story to a jury finally put it to rest, she wrote in a statement read Monday as her ex-stepfather was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

"Getting closure and justice on this horrible situation is the best thing I could have gotten from this experience," she wrote, adding that after testifying, "I felt like a weight had been lifted from my shoulders."

"I feel a lot happier than before," wrote the woman, who didn't attend the sentencing. "I will not forget what happened, but I will move on from it."

The 63-year-old man, who came into the Brooklyn courtroom carrying a Bible, stayed silent as he heard her words and his sentence, hanging his head. His lawyer noted that he plans to appeal.

"He denies he committed the crime," attorney Ernes Hammer said, calling the case "a difficult matter and a very, very unattractive one."

The Associated Press is withholding the man's name because disclosing it could identify his accuser. The AP generally does not identify victims of sexual assault unless they come forward publicly.

The man was charged with the 2003 rape nine years later, after the woman penned an essay to apply to a Florida Christian college, prosecutors said. She'd been asked to write about what made her who she is.

She responded with an account of how her churchgoing childhood was upended after her mother embarked on a marriage that "changed my life forever." While her ex-stepfather seemed all right at first, "toward the end of the marriage he began to rape me," his accuser wrote. At the time, "I never told anyone ... at that point in my life, I was scared," she added.

Her mother, by then divorced and remarried, read the essay and called police, prosecutors said.

Asia

Powerful typhoon sweeps across Okinawa

TOKYO (AP)—A powerful typhoon pounded across the southern Japanese islands of Okinawa on Tuesday, as residents took refuge from destructive winds, towering waves and storm surges.

Airports closed and residents were evacuated from low-lying areas and shorelines as Typhoon Neoguri was passing through Okinawa, packing sustained winds of 175 kilometers (108 miles) per hour and gusts up to 250 kph (154 mph), the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The storm was due to hit the main Okinawan city of Naha Tuesday evening. The national broadcaster said one woman had suffered a head injury due to the storm and one fisherman was missing after he was swept off a boat in seas near the southern island of Kyushu.

Television footage showed roads in Naha strewn with greenery and some downed trees.

Officials said the storm could be one of the strongest to hit Japan in decades, generating waves up to 14 meters (46 feet) high. But since typhoons track along Japan's coasts and occasionally veer onshore every summer, the country is relatively well prepared.

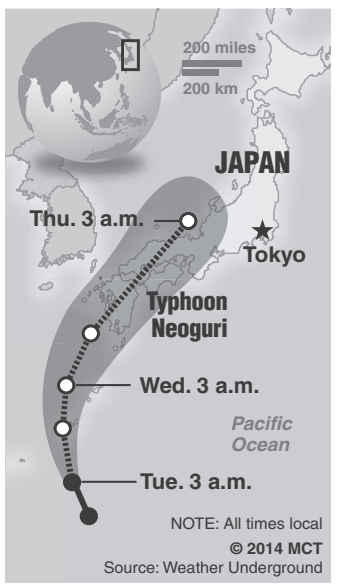
"Please take refuge as early as possible," said Keiji Furuya, chairman of the National Public Safety Commission.

The meteorological agency issued special warnings for violent winds, heavy rain and storm surges. The storm was moving slowly and diminishing in intensity, but its wide area and slow movement could add to the potential damage, weather forecasters said.

Evacuation advisories were issued for some 500,000 people, and about 500 sought refuge in Naha's city hall, NHK reported.

Government leaders held an emergency meeting Monday, urging urged local governments and residents to take maximum precautions. Authorities in China and Taiwan also warned ships to stay clear of the storm.

Forecasts show the storm tracking toward Kyushu island and then across Japan's main island of Honshu. It is forecast to lose more of its power over land, but much of the damage from such storms comes from downpours that cause landslides and flooding. Such risks are elevated by the storm's timing, on the tail end of Japan's summer rainy season.



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Women walk amid strong winds on a street in Naha, Okinawa, southern Japan, Tuesday, July 8, 2014.

The Philippines, which suffered the strongest typhoon to ever hit land when Haiyan struck six months ago, was spared the ferocious winds of Neoguri. The storm did not make land fall and remained about 480 kilometers (300 miles) east of the northernmost province of Batanes, when it roared past on Sunday.

The typhoon did intensify the country's southwest monsoon, dumping heavy rains on some western Philippine provinces.

Pope's visit seen encouraging Catholics in Asia

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—Asia has a special spot in the heart of Pope Francis, who looks forward to visiting the region to encourage Christians, especially those suffering or being persecuted, Manila's archbishop said Monday.

Roman Catholics have long been a minority in Asia, with the Philippines the most notable exception. But the Vatican sees Asia as a place for strong growth for the Catholic church. Pope Francis will travel to South Korea next month to beatify 124 Korean martyrs. In January, he is scheduled to visit the Philippines—and likely meet with victims of Typhoon Haiyan that devastated the central provinces—and Sri Lanka.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle told reporters that as a young Jesuit, Pope Francis had an unfulfilled wish to be a missionary in Japan. Shortly after being elected as pope, he told Tagle that he wanted to visit and encourage Christians in Asia, which he believes is important for evangelization.

Francis

The Manila archbishop quoted Francis as telling him that he has taken note of the suffering of many Christians in Asia, and that if he can meet face-to-face with persecuted Christians, "I want to kiss their hands and kiss their feet in homage."

"He wants to confirm ... his brothers and sisters in faith," Tagle said. "And this will definitely be a worldwide statement, especially where Christians are in the minority and are suffering persecution. "

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines officially announced Pope Francis' visit to the county, but said the Vatican will announce the dates by the end of July or August, and the detailed schedule in November.

Tagle said central to the pope's visit is "to show solidarity and compassion" to victims of Typhoon Haiyan that devastated central provinces in November, leaving at least 6,300 dead and 1,060 missing.

Vatican officials organizing the pope's trip last week visited Manila and Tacloban, a central city among the hardest hit by the typhoon.

Tagle said the pope has requested that the visit be pastoral and simple and that he meet people who suffered.

Church leaders asked Filipinos to prepare spiritually for the visit by acting with mercy, including feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless and giving alms to the poor.

"Our compassionate shepherd comes to show his deep concern for our people who have gone through devastating calamities," a pastoral letter issued by the bishops' conference said. "Let us be like Pope Francis in his humility and compassion. Let us make his apostolic journey of mercy be ours even before he arrives."

Vietnam raises helicopter crash death toll to 18

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—A Vietnamese official on Tuesday raised the death toll to 18 from a military helicopter crash that happened close to the capital on a parachute training mission, adding three others were being treated for serious injuries.

The Russian-made MI-171 helicopter came down Monday morning about 15 minutes after takeoff in a small village about 24 miles (40 kilometers) west of Hanoi.

Officials said after the crash that 16 people were killed and five were seriously injured, but an official at the National Burns Hospital said Tuesday that two of the survivors had died and that the three remaining survivors were in critical condition.

The official did not give his name because he wasn't authorized to speak to the media.

Reports in the state-controlled media said 16 of those on board were parachute recruits from the air force's helicopter regiment. There were also two trainers and three crew members on board.

Court: Islamic law holds no legal sway in India

NEW DELHI (AP)—Islamic courts have no legal authority in India, the country's Supreme Court ruled Monday, saying Muslims cannot be legally subject to a parallel religious authority.

Individuals may abide by Shariah court rulings if they wish, but cannot be legally forced to do so, Judge C. K. Prasad said.

"No religion is allowed to curb anyone's fundamental rights," he told the court, giving the decision of a two-judge bench. Indian law does not recognize Shariah court rulings, he said.

The court was responding to a petition filed in 2005 by a lawyer who said the Shariah courts should be disbanded for running a parallel judicial system in a country with 150 million Muslims among its 1.2 billion population.

Islamic courts wielded considerable influence in Muslim-dominated areas, and people often felt powerless to oppose their rulings, the petitioner Vishwa Lochan Madan argued.

The Supreme Court rejected Madan's request to disband the Shariah courts, saying there was no point if their "fatwas"—or edicts—had no legal sanction. People were still free, however, to voluntarily consult an Islamic court for arbitration in personal matters.

Muslim leaders denounced the ruling, and encouraged India's Muslims to continue to consult the Shariah courts on issues like marriage, divorce or inheritance.

"This is a malicious propaganda which is going on against religious beliefs," said Kamal Farooqi, a member of the All India Muslim Personal Law Board. "We are for Shariah courts, and we are spreading it all over the country."

India has a judicial system inherited from British colonial rulers, but has long allowed different religious communities leeway in handling their own personal issues and disputes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his new government, led by the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, had promised during its election campaign to bring a common legal code for all Indians.

Madan's petition had cited as an example a case in which a Muslim woman was raped by her father-in-law. A Shariah court ordered her marriage annulled and demanded she live with her father-in-law. The case caused outrage in India after the court ordered the mother of five children to leave her husband.

World

3 bridges blown up in Ukraine near rebel-held city

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—After Ukrainian forces' seizure of a key rebel stronghold in the east, the major cities of Donetsk and Luhansk could be the next focus of major fighting. Three bridges on roads leading to Donetsk were blown up Monday—possibly to hinder military movements, though the rebels claim it was the work of pro-Kiev saboteurs.

As nerves fray over the prospect of fighting in the sprawling cities, Russia urges Europe to put pressure on the government to end the fighting, but takes no overt action. Rebels in Ukraine and nationalists at home have called for the Kremlin to send in troops to protect the pro-Russia insurgents, but President Vladimir Putin, wary of more sanctions being imposed by the West, has resisted.

Separatist fighters driven out of the city of Slovyansk and other eastern towns by the Ukrainian army over the weekend are regrouping in Donetsk, a major industrial city of 1 million where pro-Russia rebels have declared independence as the Donetsk People's Republic. Pavel Gubarev, the region's self-described governor, had promised "real partisan war around the whole perimeter of Donetsk" before thousands of supporters at a rally Sunday.

Ukrainian authorities meanwhile say their strategy is to blockade Donetsk and the rebel-held city of Luhansk, the two largest cities in the separatist east, in order to cut off rebel supply lines. Civilians would be allowed to leave and seek aid elsewhere, national security council spokesman Andrei Lysenko said Monday, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency.

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People walk under a destroyed railroad bridge over a main road leading into the east Ukraine city of Donetsk, near the village of Novobakhmutivka, 20 km North from the city of Donetsk, eastern Ukraine Monday, July 7, 2014.

Battles between Ukrainian forces and the separatists have left over 400 people dead and thousands homeless since the uprising began in April. Ukraine's government ended a shaky, unilateral 10-day cease-fire last week, and has since stepped up its fight against the rebels.

It was not clear who blew up the highway and rail bridges Monday. Their destruction would most benefit the rebels by blocking avenues for military advances, but the rebel Donetsk People's Republic issued a statement blaming two of the blasts on Ukrainians aiming to interfere with rebel supply lines.

In the village of Novobakhmutivka, where a rail line crosses over a highway out of Donetsk, an 11-wagon cargo train was perched perilously Monday on the collapsed bridge. The road leads toward Slovyansk, a former insurgent stronghold that was recaptured Saturday by Ukrainian troops.

Anatoly Krasov, who was driving along the road Monday, said he saw an explosion before the bridge collapsed with a large cargo train on it. He said a group of men dressed in the camouflage uniforms often worn by the rebels then got into their cars and drove back toward Donetsk.

Two other bridges on roads leading from Slovyansk to Donetsk were also destroyed Monday in the villages of Zakitne and Seleznevka, the Road Transportation Agency of Donetsk Region said.

The insurgents control the regional administration building in Donetsk and checkpoints on the city's outskirts. They also face little internal resistance from police forces or government officials in the city, who have done nothing in recent months to hinder their free movement around Donetsk.

Pope: Bishops must be held accountable for abuse

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Francis begged forgiveness Monday in his first meeting with Catholics sexually abused by members of the clergy and went further than any of his predecessors by vowing to hold bishops accountable for their handling of pedophile priests.

Abuse victims and their advocates have long demanded that higher-ups be made to answer for the decades-long cover-ups of rape and molestation of youngsters in a scandal that has rocked the church and dismayed its worldwide flock of 1.2 billion.

The pope celebrated a private Mass with six victims—two each from Ireland, Britain and Germany—at his Vatican residence, and spent the rest of the morning listening to their accounts, one on one.

"Before God and his people, I express my sorrow for the sins and grave crimes of clerical sexual abuse committed against you. And I humbly ask forgiveness," Francis said.

"I beg your forgiveness, too, for the sins of omission on the part of church leaders who did not respond adequately to reports of abuse made by family members, as well as by abuse victims themselves," the pope said. "This led to even greater suffering on the part of those who were abused, and it endangered other minors who were at risk."

But in speaking of accountability, he made no mention of what countless victims and their families around the globe have waited years to hear: whether bishops and other prelates who shuffled child-molesting priests from parish to parish or didn't inform police and prosecutors would be fired or demoted.

"All bishops must carry out their pastoral ministry with utmost care in order to help foster the protection of minors, and they will be held accountable," Francis said, delivering his homily in his native Spanish. The survivors were allowed to bring a relative or friend and an interpreter.

The U.S.-based victims group SNAP, or the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, reacted skeptically.

"We are glad the pope promises to `hold accountable' Catholic officials who conceal abuse," SNAP Director David Clohessy said in statement. "But he hasn't done it yet, not in Rome, nor in Buenos Aires. Saying and doing are different things. The first is easy, the second is hard."

Earthquake slams Mexico, Guatemala; at least 3 dead

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—A magnitude-6.9 earthquake on the Pacific Coast jolted a wide area of southern Mexico and Central America Monday, killing at least three people while damaging homes, hospitals and churches.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake hit at 6:23 a.m. (7:23 a.m. EDT; 11:23 GMT) on the Pacific Coast 1 mile (2 kilometers) north-northeast of Puerto Madero, near the Guatemala border. It initially calculated the magnitude at 7.1 but later lowered the figure to 6.9.

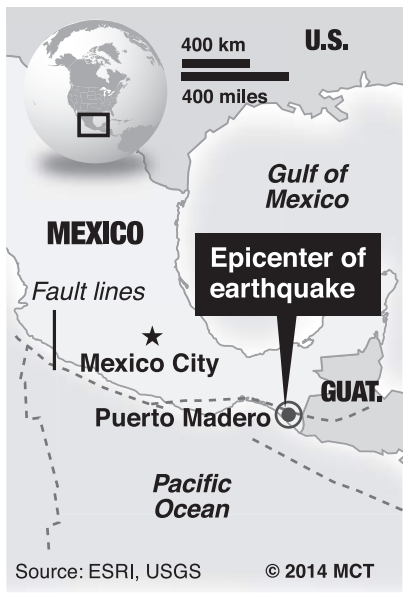
Guatemalan President Otto Perez Molina said a baby died when parts of the ceiling collapsed on the newborn in the San Marco medical center. He said there were reports of other deaths, but this was the only confirmed fatality in Guatemala. He added that there were 33 injuries.

Earlier, the national spokesman for local fire departments, Raul Hernandez, had said that at least two people died in their homes from collapsed walls in the Guatemalan town of Pati, in the border province of San Marcos, and another woman in Quetzaltenango died from a heart attack.

Civil protection officials in the Mexican state of Chiapas raised the death toll to two, and said at least a dozen people were injured by falling tiles and other debris.

Perez said the quake was felt in 12 of Guatemala's 22 states. There were reports of power outages and rock slides on some roadways in Guatemala.

Photos posted on social media sites and published by the Guatemalan newspaper Prensa Libre showed buildings with huge cracks across their facades in San Marcos, and one which apparently suffered a partial collapse.



Classes were suspended in at least three western states bordering Mexico.

In Chiapas, where the quake was centered, panicked people poured into the streets and the Red Cross said it was treating some frightened adults and children.

"I thought the house was going to collapse," said Claudia Gonzales, 32, who ran to the street in the town of Comitan with her 1-year-old daughter.

The quake was felt across a broad swath of southern Mexico and as far away as Mexico City, but officials had no immediate reports of damage.

The quake was centered 37 miles (60 kilometers) beneath the surface.

In the city of Tapachula, near the epicenter, city employee Omar Santos said "buildings were moving, windows broke in some houses and businesses, and people ran through the streets in the dark."

UN pushes for migrants to be called refugees

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)—United Nations officials are pushing for many of the Central Americans fleeing to the U.S. to be treated as refugees displaced by armed conflict, a designation meant to increase pressure on the United States to accept tens of thousands of people currently ineligible for asylum.

Officials with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees say they hope to see a regional agreement on that status Thursday when migration and interior department representatives from the U.S., Mexico, and Central America meet in Nicaragua. The group will discuss updating a 30-year-old declaration regarding the obligations nations have to aid refugees.

While such a resolution would lack any legal weight in the United States, the agency said it believes "the U.S. and Mexico should recognize that this is a refugee situation, which implies that they shouldn't be automatically sent to their home countries but rather receive international protection."

Most of the people widely considered to be refugees by the international community are fleeing more traditional political or ethnic conflicts like those in Syria or the Sudan. Central Americans would be among the first modern migrants considered refugees because they are fleeing violence and extortion at the hands of criminal gangs.

"They are leaving for some reason. Let's not send them back in a mechanical way, but rather evaluate the reasons they left their country," Fernando Protti, regional representative for the U.N. refugee agency, told The Associated Press.

The United States has seen a dramatic increase in the number of Central American migrants crossing into its territory, particularly children traveling without any adult guardian. More than 52,000 unaccompanied children have been apprehended since October. Three-fourths of them are from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador and most say they are fleeing pervasive gang violence and crushing poverty.

Both Congressional Republicans and the Obama administration have called for action to reverse the trend. Among other changes, the administration wants to end a 2008 law allowing child migrants to automatically appear before an immigration judge. Instead, Border Patrol agents could decide whether to deport them or allow them an additional hearing.

Focus

German city left behind by unification becomes a star of the silver screen

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GOERLITZ, Germany—Kerstin Gosewisch was walking the dark cobbles of her hometown's medieval lower market, discussing the hard times familiar in so many parts of what used to be East Germany, when she paused and pointed at a window several stories up.

"Jackie Chan jumped out of that window," she said. "In *Around the World in 80 Days*, he jumped out of that window into a hot air balloon. Of course, the balloon was added in the studio. Here he jumped out hooked onto a crane."

If Gosewisch's conversation seemed incongruous, it was no more so than the ancient city around her. Frequently called Germany's most beautiful city, Goerlitz also is almost tragically empty. The fall of the Berlin Wall 25 years ago saw thousands of jobs in railway manufacture and textiles here vanish. Unemployment still sits above 15 percent.

Today, in the silver anniversary year of the event that led to the creation of the unified German economic juggernaut, Goerlitz is a former East German city in crisis. The population, a booming 100,000 during the East Germany days, is down to 55,000. Thousands of apartments and homes, lovingly restored as financing became available, sit empty. Wages remain 25 percent under the national average.

And yet the city has never looked richer—on the silver screen, where its untouched veneer has made it a star in dozens of movies needing a quaint European setting. Last year, the city even trademarked the nickname "Goerliwood" (pronounced "Girlywood").

The city has been featured in Hollywood films such as 2008's *The Reader* and last year's *The Book Thief*. *The Grand Budapest Hotel* was filmed almost entirely in Goerlitz. The city has been a stand-in for postwar Italy, Heidelberg in the 1950s, 19th century Paris and many more.

Georg Rittmannsperger owns the Hotel Borse, where many in the cast and crew of the *The Grand Budapest Hotel* stayed during filming. He's told German newspapers in the past that housing a piece of the movie business was thrilling. He didn't want to go home at nights, it was so exciting.

But on a recent February day, he seemed barely able to remember those days.

"Look at the square outside," he scoffed, waving his hand at a black cobbled stretch between historic buildings, which has been featured in many films but was simply chilly that afternoon. "It's empty. It's empty again. That was chaos. I guess this is normal."

He's hardly the first to discover that the movies are glamorous, but glamour is only skin deep.

But if Goerlitz redefines the notion of "nice house, nobody home," it is worth noting that it is a stunning house.

The city boasts a rich collection of architectural styles dating back to the Holy Roman Empire, when it was a wealthy merchant center along the Via Regia trading route.

The Gothic spires of St. Peter's Church tower over the city. The Renaissance Rathaus (city hall) serves as the town center. Street after street is lined with baroque apartment blocks, with an occasional art deco facade sprinkled in.

Perhaps most remarkably, almost none of it was destroyed during World War II, when so many German cities and towns were leveled as Allied forces destroyed the Nazi regime. Its centuries of obvious wealth made it antisocial during the communist years after the war, and it was largely ignored, a shameful relic of a merchant past.

But it's back.

"Goerlitz has never been as beautiful as today," former Oberburgermeister (mayor) Joachim Paulick said in an interview with a German newspaper. The head of the German Foundation for Historic Buildings says simply, "Goerlitz is the most beautiful city in Germany."

That's partly the result of a pathologically anonymous donor. In 1995, the still-secret donor gave a million deutschemarks (about $700,000 then; Germany has since replaced the deutschemark with the euro) to restore the beauty of the city. The same donation arrives every year, 500,000 euros, or about $685,000 at today's exchange rate. But he's instructed his attorneys that if his name ever becomes publicly attached to the city, the money is to stop.

This is the 20th anniversary of the donations, and town officials are holding their breath over whether the money will continue to arrive.

All told, private and public investors have pumped half a billion euros ($685 million) into remaking the place.

Karina Thiemann, a city guide who specializes in film tours, knows that the movies will not save her city.

"Real growth has to come from elsewhere," she said.

Still, she said that in the last couple years, there is a sense that the city has stabilized. The number of empty apartments and homes remains above 3,000 (and by some counts close to 6,000), but their ranks don't appear to be growing, at least not by much.

"Call centers and the software business are our future," she said. "Film is very nice, but it can't be a pillar of economic development. Film will always be an extra."

Kerstin Gosewisch is the city's official film industry liaison. She says about a third of her job revolves around helping moviemakers, while the rest focuses on one of several city history museums. She said there is no complete list of films made in the town, though the six made here last year are about the average.

She says she still gets the same thrill when she sees her home in film, a thrill she first experienced while watching *Around the World in 80 Days* after it was released in 2004.

"The films love this city," she explained. "They find real substance here. They don't have to build a new world. But to me, in these films, the city is always the star. It needs attention, and it deserves that attention. But attention alone is not enough."

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A man walks along a cobbled street from the upper market to the lower market in Goerlitz, Germany. While often described as the most beautiful city in Germany, it has been struggling economically since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

A look at the architectual eras, from the 15th to the 19th centuries, of Goerlitz. While often described as the most beautiful city in Germany, and used in a number of movies as a setting, the city has struggled since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

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Campus Life

PIU renews MOU with Palau Community College

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left to right: Pacific Islands University executive assistant Samantha Owen, PIU administrative VP Niño Pate, Palau Community College dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui, PIU president Dr. David Owen, PCC president Dr. Patrick Tellei, and PIU Board chair Rev. Howard Merrell.

Pacific Islands University, a U.S. accredited institution located in Mangilao, Guam, recently renewed its memorandum of understanding with Palau Community College. The MOU outlines the working relationship between the two institutions, allowing a more seamless cross enrollment and/or transfer for PIU and PCC students. This agreement follows the recent signing of three other MOUs, one with Guam Community College, New Hope Christian College in Honolulu, Hawaii, and Faithwalk Christian College in Tol, Chuuk, FSM.

PIU president Dr. David Owen said, "PIU has a long relationship with PCC that has been beneficial to both schools. We are happy to continue partnering with PCC in helping young people meet their educational goals."

PCC president Dr. Patrick Tellei shares that he is "looking forward to helping more people through this renewed relationship between our institutions."

The MOU was signed on Friday, June 27, 2014, in the Palau Community College boardroom by Owen, Tellei, and PCC dean of Academic Affairs Robert Ramarui. Also present at the signing were PIU Administrative VP Niño Pate, PIU Executive Assistant Samantha Owen, and PIU Board Chairman Rev. Howard Merrell. PIU Provost Dr. Sam Mabini signed the MOU upon the group's return to Guam this week. ***(PIU)***

Push to keep incoming college students on track

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
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In this photo taken June 10, 2014 photo, Erika Malone of St. Louis Community College, center, talks with a prospective student and her mother at the St. Louis High School to College Center in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The excitement of acceptance into that dream college has passed. The first day of classes is still weeks away. But the resources provided by high school teachers and computer labs are no longer available for recent graduates.

Education researchers and academic counselors call it "summer melt," the precarious time when some college-bound students fall through the cracks, at risk of abandoning their higher education plans entirely. Studies show that first-generation college students and those from low-income families are particularly vulnerable.

In St. Louis, a drop-in counseling center helps such students negotiate financial aid agreements, housing contracts and the other many details of college enrollment. School districts in Chicago, Dallas, Miami, Minnesota and West Virginia are among those using text messages to keep aspiring college students on track.

"You get the acceptance letter and start the celebration," said Shauna Cunningham, a high school guidance counselor who's spent the past two summers at the St. Louis Graduates High School to College Center. "They don't realize all the other steps."

Recent studies by Harvard University's Center for Education Policy Research found that an estimated 20 percent of graduating seniors from urban school districts in places such as greater Boston, suburban Atlanta, Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, abandon their plans to attend college over the summer.

Among prospective community college students, the summer melt rate increases to about 40 percent, said former Harvard researcher Ben Castleman, now an assistant professor of education and public policy at the University of Virginia.

A lack of financial aid is to blame in about half of those cases, Castleman said. But students also wind up getting derailed by much less significant hurdles, from failing to meet course enrollment deadlines to registering for summer orientation programs.

"The idea was that if you could get a kid to graduate from high school, they'd been accepted and chosen where to go, that student was going to show up," he said. "What our work shows is that in fact, students encounter a pretty complicated array of financial and procedural tasks to complete over the summer."

Daisha Tankins, 19, had planned to attend Spelman College in Atlanta after graduating from a St. Louis high school last summer. But unable to afford the private college and unwilling to go into more than $100,000 in debt after four years, she enrolled at Harris-Stowe State University in her hometown. Like Spelman, it is a historically black school, but with far more modest costs.

Tankins now works as a peer mentor at the St. Louis counseling center, offering guidance to students who find themselves at a similar crossroads.

"A lot of students are bewildered and can't understand the magnitude of what's going on," she said.

School districts and colleges are beginning to find that reducing summer melt doesn't require dramatic intervention.

For just $7 per student, school districts in Lawrence and Springfield, Massachusetts, were able to boost their number of college-bound graduates, according to research by Castleman and Harvard colleague Lindsay Page, a research assistant professor of education at the University of Pittsburgh.

Students received introductory text messages such as "We want to help you w/ college! Stay tuned for key summer to dos. Save this (hash), you can txt us for help!." Their parents received similarly tailored messages with reminders about financial aid, orientation enrollment, tuition bill deadlines, campus health insurance and college placement exams.

A subsequent text message campaign was aimed at low-income college students who received federal Pell Grants as freshmen but were in danger of dropping out due to not reapplying for financial aid.

On a recent weekday afternoon, St. Louis high school graduate Kelcee Burton stopped by the drop-in counseling center just blocks from Washington University, which donated the storefront to the nonprofit group St. Louis Graduates.

The Sumner High School valedictorian has been accepted at the University of Missouri and expects to receive roughly $18,000 in grants for the coming year. But gaining admission was only the start for Burton, who was four when her mother died and has spent the past year living with a friend after her father remarried.

There are immunization records to track down and a housing waiting list to maneuver at the flagship state campus. She stopped by the counseling center at a friend's suggestion and left with the confidence about starting college come August.

"I really didn't even think about all these details. I had no idea," she said. "I thought I was good to go."

Life & Style

Movement pro transforms actors into apes on film

By SANDY COHEN
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Terry Notary is Hollywood's human shape-shifter. In a blink, he can become an elf, an ape or almost any other moving creature.

An expert in motion-capture performance, he specializes in bringing non-human characters to life on screen. He's played goblins in "The Hobbit," a Who in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" and a winged, dragon-like banshee in "Avatar."

In "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," opening Friday, Notary plays more than 100 primates. He also taught the film's stars and stuntmen how to find their simian side.

"He's like an ape Zen master," said director Matt Reeves. "He lives in every frame that has an ape in it."

Notary demonstrated his technique during a recent visit to the Hollywood dance studio he uses to prepare for films. The compact, muscular father of four visibly transforms as he describes how apes are gut-driven and grounded. His stomach softens, his neck and shoulders slouch, his lower jaw protrudes. His eyelids drop slightly as his eyes take on a present yet far-away quality.

He grunts and howls before springing from his chair and breaking into a quadruped run. He bounces around the empty studio on all fours, with "arm extensions" he developed allowing him to mimic ape-like movements. He stops suddenly, as though he's spotted a threat, and becomes even more animated, emitting loud wails of distress.

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In this Tuesday, June 24, 2014 photo, Terry Notary, a stuntman on the film "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," demonstrates how he achieved ape-like movements with arm extenders for his motion capture performance for the film, at Hollywood Dance Center in Los Angeles.

Then he's back being human again to talk about the process.

Notary aspired to compete in the Olympics while training as a gymnast at UCLA but then found work with Cirque du Soleil after graduating with a theater degree. He came to Hollywood as a stuntman and from there, developed into a sought-after movement coach for motion-capture shots, where actors are wired and their movements captured electronically for the building of computer-generated imagery.

He created the lithe, long-limbed motions of the Na'vi in "Avatar," taught the Silver Surfer how to ride in "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer" and went ape in three films, starting with Tim Burton's "Planet of the Apes" in 2001. (He performed stunts in all as well.)

"I'm a good observer of movement and behavior," the 45-year-old said. "That's what my talent is, I think."

He begins with an image of the character. For imaginary creatures, he might picture objects from nature. When conceptualizing the Na'vi, for example, he thought of reeds swaying underwater, gracefully at ease with the energy around them. For a goblin, he thought of a piece of crumpled tin foil.

"If you throw it, it has hard edges," he said. "It's not going to be predictable. It's going to be edgy and sharp and not have any root."

To develop ape expertise, Notary hung out with a couple of chimps and spent a lot of time watching primates at the zoo, videotaping and studying their behavior.

"I just took every little video I could and dissected it into moments," he said. "And I just always watched the videos as though I was watching a person in an ape suit, playing an ape. It made me realize ... it's all in the subtleties."

Notary had six weeks to put the actors and stuntmen starring in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes" through his ape training. The first step? Shed preconceptions and human conditioning and just "be."

"It's not about doing anything, it's about undoing," he said. "If you can start to get back to the base, neutral animal that we are, you're an ape."

Letting go of human tendencies can take weeks, but once the actors get it, "it's magic."

Go ape: Find your inner primate in 4 easy steps

Motion-capture performer Terry Notary trained the stars and stuntmen playing primates in "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," opening Friday. And he says he can teach almost anyone how to be an ape. Just follow these simple steps to discover your simian side:

1 Undo human social conditioning by being still and doing nothing. Let your brain soften so natural instinct can take over. "Ape school first day is a little bit about the philosophy," Notary says. "Actors come in and they want to know how to be an ape. And the first thing is you don't do it—you allow the ape to come out of you. You find it. You don't do anything. You don't put anything on. You're not putting a costume on. You're just getting back to being a child ... that natural human animal that we are."

2 Drop your intention into your gut. Apes have a "grounded, economic, circular gut-driven drive," he says, with a center of gravity lower than a human being's. Think of the gut as the engine and inspiration of movement, and lock it into your hips and legs.

3 To walk on all fours like an ape, Notary uses short, crutch-like tools he calls "arm extensions" in each hand. He begins in a position not unlike a yoga downward dog, but with his shoulders raised higher by the foot-long extenders. The quadruped walk involves alternating and angling arms and feet with each step, a process that becomes more natural with practice.

4 Howl, swing and play.

MTV series traces aftermath of abduction

NEW YORK (AP)—Finding an identity is hard enough for a 16-year-old girl without learning that life as you know it is based on a lie.

That's the premise behind a smart new MTV drama, "Finding Carter," that debuts Tuesday (10 p.m. EDT). The title character, after being thrown in jail with her friends following a night of mischief, is told the woman she thought was her mother abducted her at age 3.

Immediately, she's sent "home" to an alien world: a hard-edged mom, an author-father, a twin sister, a new school and community.

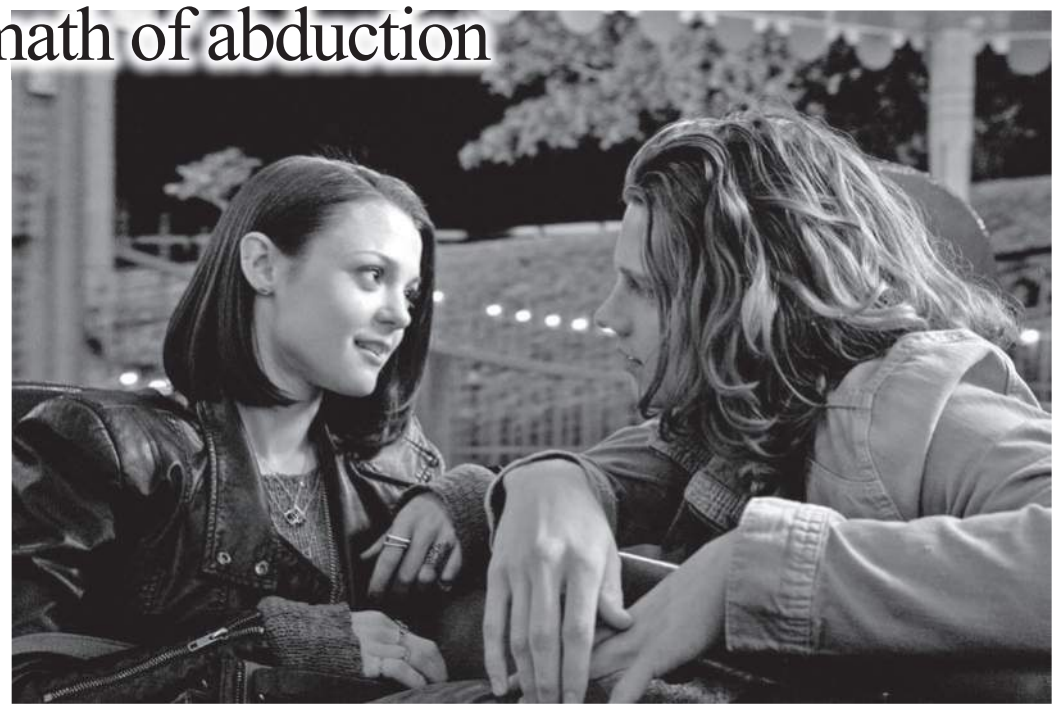
"Even though not a lot of people have been abducted and found safe, a lot of people have been through some kind of trauma and it has changed the way they think about the world," said actress Kathryn Prescott, who portrays the title character. "They have to become comfortable with a different kind of world than they thought."

Prescott, a Londoner, ditches her British accent to play the American teenager. Terri Minsky, creator of "Lizzie McGuire," writes and produces the series from a script bought by MTV from another writer. Since Minsky just sent her own daughter to college, she found it appealing to write about a mother and daughter—two mothers, really.

Minsky packs the debut episode with details and twists that set up a season's worth of possibilities. Carter's mom is a cop who comes off as cold and untrusting of Carter and, oh, is cheating on her husband. Dad is a struggling writer who wrote a book about the search for his daughter, and his agent sniffs a lucrative sequel. Carter is a wild child with a boyfriend from her old life, but she comes on to a new guy that her twin is interested in.

"I wanted to have something that was deeper than `we're the family who got our daughter back,'" Minsky said.

Carter's instant return to a family she doesn't remember, with a younger brother born after the kidnapping, is the series' one false note. In reality, you'd expect a more gradual transition.



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This photo released by MTV shows Kathryn Prescott as Carter Stevens, left, and Alex Saxon as Max in the family drama, "Finding Carter."

In the debut, Carter's mom suffers from comparison to the woman Carter believed was her mother, who competes with the girl over who can say "I love you" the most. It's not that simple, of course. Carter must come to terms with the fact that "mom" is a criminal.

"Here was a chance to split the mother into two personalities, which is what most mothers are," Minsky said. "You want to be your daughter's best friend, but you have to be their parent."

Minsky's vision of "Finding Carter" was informed by her own station in life. As a mother, the former journalist gives more attention to the women involved than the original, younger developer of the idea, who had a greater focus on Carter's rebelliousness.

Minsky's character development attracted actress Cynthia Watros, a mother of twins in real life who plays the parent of twin girls in "Finding Carter." "You don't have to go far as a mother to tap into those feelings of how unbelievably painful it would be if one of your children went missing," Watros said.

As the series proceeds, a fuller portrait of her character, Elizabeth, emerges. How would it change a woman to go through such a nightmare, particularly when you know your husband was in the house when your daughter was abducted?

MTV has high hopes for "Finding Carter," part of a new emphasis on scripted series signaled by the hiring of Susanne Daniels as programming chief two years ago. Minsky said friends in the industry often said she'd find a kindred spirit in Daniels, a veteran television executive best known for her time at the former WB network.

MTV's audience is packed with teenage girls, but Minsky is shooting for more.

"My fantasy is that mothers and daughters will watch it together," she said.

Like a juror: Madonna does NYC jury duty, briefly

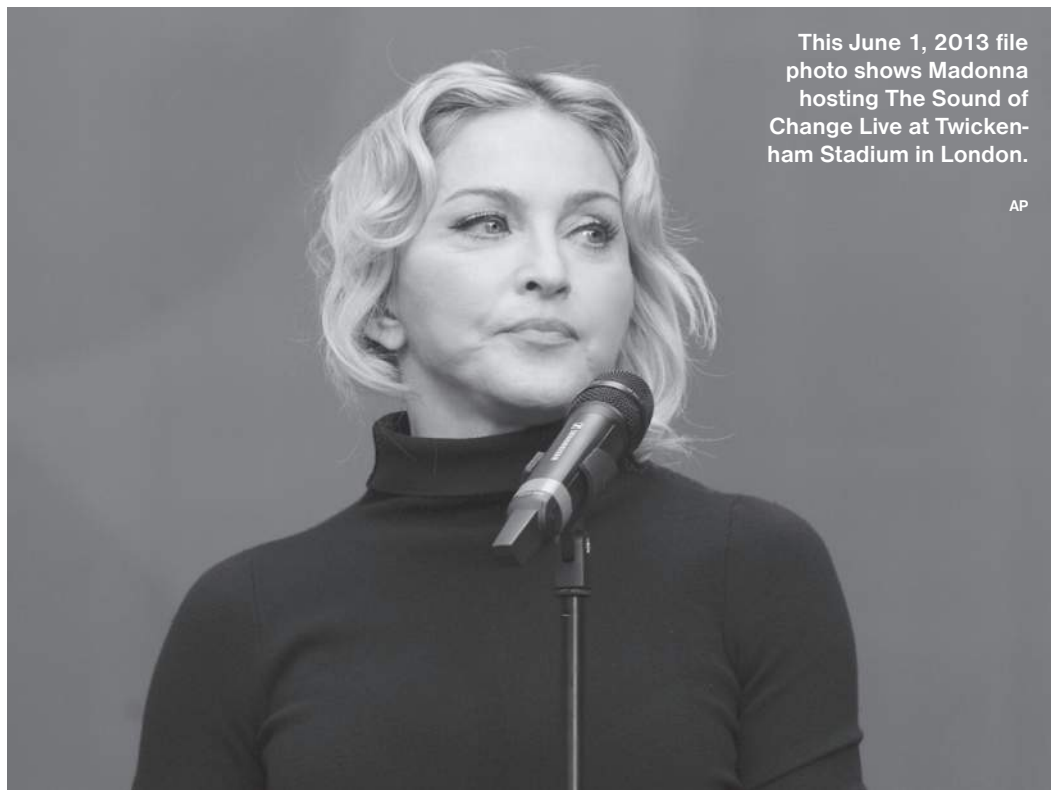
NEW YORK (AP)—Madonna has spent a little time living in the judicial world.

The pop superstar turned up for jury duty Monday at a Manhattan state courthouse, quickly getting dismissed.

She had gotten excused from a jury service date in May. This time, she was finished within two hours and wasn't questioned for any case, spending the wait in a clerk's office instead of in the sprawling juror waiting room.

State court system spokesman David Bookstaver said officials cut Madonna loose because there were plenty of prospective jurors for the summer day's needs, and they didn't want her presence to create a distraction in the jury selection process.

"The greater good here is that her appearance really goes to show that everyone gets called," Bookstaver said. "The intent here was not to create a distraction to other jurors or the business of the court."



This June 1, 2013 file photo shows Madonna hosting The Sound of Change Live at Twickenham Stadium in London.

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Having the Material Girl hang out in the waiting room would likely have meant stationing extra court officers there, he noted.

Madonna's spokeswoman said only that the singer did her service. She's now excused from Manhattan state court jury duty for six years.

Manhattan has a star-studded jury pool by nature, and some notables do end up weighing cases. Former "Who's The Boss?" star Tony Danza was on a jury in a drug sale case last winter, political scion and U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy served as a juror in a drug-dealing case last year, and Rudy Giuliani—while mayor—was the foreman on a personal injury civil jury in 1999.

Many other luminaries have showed up at Manhattan courthouses but not been picked, except to set celebrity examples of civic responsibility at "Juror Appreciation Day" ceremonies over the years. Comedian Jon Stewart, actress Sarah Jessica Parker, news anchor Tom Brokaw, New York Mets player David Wright and newswoman Barbara Walters have been among the guest stars at the appreciation fests over the years.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Prayer vigil held for comedian injured with Morgan

JERSEY CITY, N.J. (AP)—A prayer vigil has been held in New Jersey for Ardie Fuqua, the comedian who was injured in the same highway crash that injured Tracy Morgan. The vigil was held Monday night in Jersey City, Fuqua's hometown. Fuqua's mother, Doris, says he is in good spirits, and getting three hours of physical therapy each day. He is being treated for brain trauma. His friends and family prayed for a speedy recovery. They also prayed for the truck driver who is being blamed for the deadly crash. Kevin Roper has been charged with vehicular homicide and assault by auto. Morgan is also in a rehabilitation center. The June 7 wreck on the New Jersey Turnpike killed comedian James McNair, who went by the name Jimmy Mack.

Sportsman Channel renews Palin's 'Amazing America'

NEW YORK (AP)—Sarah Palin is getting another term on television. The Sportsman Channel said Monday that Palin's series, "Amazing America," is being renewed for a second season that will start early next year. On the series, the former Republican vice presidential candidate and Alaska ex-governor profiles outdoor enthusiasts and craftsmen. The show aired Thursday nights and finished its first season May 29. The small network could not say exactly how many people watched Palin. But the Sportsman Channel is now available in more homes than when "Amazing America" started and network executives said they believe the high-profile show helped persuade more carriers to offer it. The channel is available in some 36 million homes, or nearly a third of the nation's homes with television.

Dolly Parton offers to adopt "Dolly" the dog

LONDON (AP)—Dolly Parton wants to take an unlikely fan home.

"Dolly" the dog was abandoned after the country music legend's performance at the Glastonbury festival last month. The fluffy white lurcher was found after 150,000 revelers decamped the site in the southwest of England, and was being fostered Monday by the Happy Landings animal shelter.

Parton has pledged to adopt the dog, which staff at the shelter named in her honor.

"I will take the dog home to America if nobody claims her," the singer said in a statement.

"Dolly" is being treated for an ear infection at Happy Landings, which is near the festival site and is appealing for donations.

The shelter says in a statement that Dolly—the dog that is—is a "sweet-natured older lady" and that it is trying to determine her owner.

In this Sunday, June 29, 2014 file photo, U.S singer Dolly Parton performs at Glastonbury music festival, England. Dolly Parton wants to take an unlikely fan home with her.

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2nd Chinese firm plans to sue over Transformers

BEIJING (AP)—A second Chinese company says it will sue the producers of "Transformers: Age of Extinction" for breach of contract, state media reported Tuesday.

Huang Daosheng, the general manager of Chongqing Wulong Karst Tourism Co. Ltd., told a news conference Monday that the producers had failed to show its logo in the movie as promised, according to state media reports. Calls to the company rang unanswered.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that the company paid an undisclosed sum to promote the scenic area it operates in southwest China and that it would file suit at a court in Chongqing city against Paramount Pictures and a Beijing-based producer. It quoted the tourist attraction marketing manager Li Chu as saying that the movie also combines images of Wulong with scenes shot in Hong Kong and thereby confuses the audience. Paramount didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Last month, a Beijing property developer said it had filed a lawsuit alleging that Paramount and two of its Chinese associates had failed to deliver on pledges to hold the movie premiere at its hotel and feature images of its property in trailers and movie posters. Soon after the developer and Paramount said they had smoothed out the dispute.

Young couple's use of birth control is long past overdue

DEAR ABBY: My 19-year-old son has been dating the daughter of one of my friends I'll call "Mona." We didn't set them up; they met at some parties. Last summer we discovered they were having sex because "Meghan" thought she was pregnant. Luckily, it turned out she wasn't. They broke up but have gotten back together recently.

When I asked Mona if she was putting Meghan on birth control, Mona said that she wouldn't because "that would be letting her know it's OK to have sex." I said, "Better safe than sorry!" and we left it at that.

I let my son use my car last weekend and found an opened box of emergency contraception on the floor. Because my son never answers his phone, I called Meghan and stressed to her that unprotected sex is irresponsible and that they aren't ready for a baby. I warned her to take precautions and get on birth control, and I helped her to make the arrangements.

Was it wrong to discuss this behind her mother's back? Should I tell Mona after promising Meghan I wouldn't say anything? What should I do?

MOM VERSUS FRIEND

DEAR MOM: Wrong? You deserve a medal. And you should now have the conversation with your son that you should have had before the first pregnancy scare, stressing to HIM the importance of using condoms not only to protect himself and Meghan from an unplanned pregnancy, but also an STD if she isn't the only girl he's having sex with. Girls don't get pregnant all by themselves.

As to telling your friend Mona, who seems to have the parental insight of an ostrich where her daughter is concerned, keep your promise to Meghan and your lips sealed. Meghan needs a woman she can confide in, and your friend seems to prefer living in fantasyland rather than giving her daughter the support and guidance she needs.

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DEAR ABBY: I live in Colorado. In my state marijuana is legal now. What do you think about my inviting my adult children (they are all over 21) and my aging dad to get stoned with me? I think it might stimulate conversation and motivate more family time than we spend together now. What do you think of "family night" with marijuana as a way to improve family unity?

ORIGINAL THINKER IN DENVER

DEAR ORIGINAL THINKER: Were you stoned when you wrote this? If not, I think it's sad that your family would need pot in order to communicate or create family unity. While I applaud your desire to bring your family together, you can have a good time without inviting "Mary Jane." And that's what I'd recommend.

DEAR ABBY

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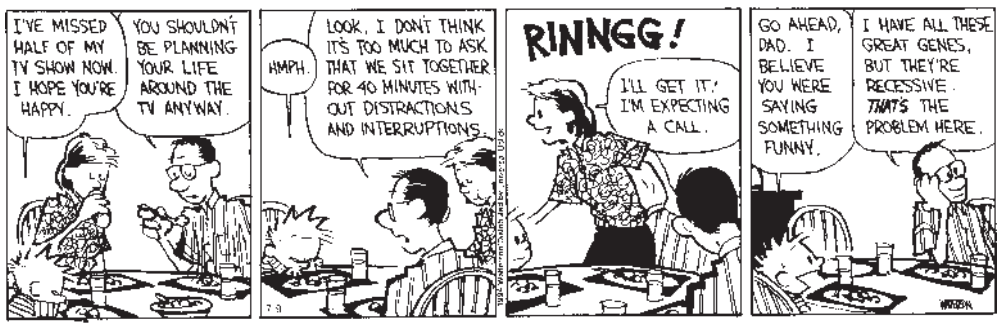
Pastimes

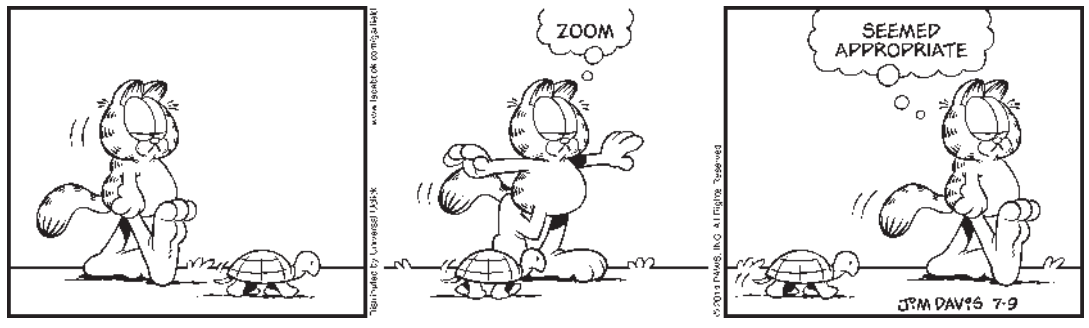
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


I'VE MISSED HALF OF MY TV SHOW NOW. I HOPE YOU'RE HAPPY.
YOU SHOULDN'T BE PLANNING YOUR LIFE AROUND THE TV ANYWAY.
HMPH.
LOOK, I DON'T THINK IT'S TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT WE SIT TOGETHER FOR 40 MINUTES WITHOUT DISTRACTIONS AND INTERRUPTIONS.
RINNGG!
I'LL GET IT. I'M EXPECTING A CALL.
GO AHEAD, DAD. I BELIEVE YOU WERE SAYING SOMETHING FUNNY.
I HAVE ALL THESE GREAT GENES, BUT THEY'RE RECESSIVE. THAT'S THE PROBLEM HERE.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

DAD'S STILL WALLOWING ABOUT THAT JOB.
WELL, BE WARNED. PRETTY SOON COMES THE..
HEY, HEY! LET'S TURN THOSE FROWNS UPSIDE DOWN!
I ALWAYS SAY A LOST ACCOUNT ISN'T A LOSS. IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY!
WHO WANTS TO RUN THROUGH THE SPRINKLER? HAHAHAHA!
OVER-COMPENSATION?
WOW. HE'S AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

A Soccer player bit an opponent in a World Cup Soccer match.
You know, the Westminster Kennel Club would never stand for this kind of thing.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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33 Altar affirmative
34 Prima donnas
35 Sister
36 Proscribe
37 Admitting clients
38 Plastic user's woe
39 "Despicable Me" character
41 Couch
43 Hates
46 Edgar — Poe
50 Wander
51 Tiny, as a fracture
54 Paper holder
55 Way back when
56 Biblical prophet
57 Not his
58 Chaps
59 Faxed

DOWN
1 Granada greeting
2 Cupid counterpart
3 Carry on
4 Type of cat or rabbit
5 — tai
6 Branch
7 Branch
8 Barbershop request
9 History book feature
10 Related
11 Hotel furniture
16 Numerical prefix
20 Dogfight participants
22 Error
23 Icicles' sites
25 White lie
26 Oklahoma city
27 Fan of classical music
29 Hand (Sp.)
31 Abrade
32 Pismire
34 Sullen
38 Southfork city
40 Cavorts
42 Distant
43 St. Louis attraction
44 Tree trunk
45 Counterfeit
47 Guacamole ingredient
48 Unsigned (Abbr.)
49 Fit snugly
52 Census datum
53 Charged bit

Solution time: 23 mins.

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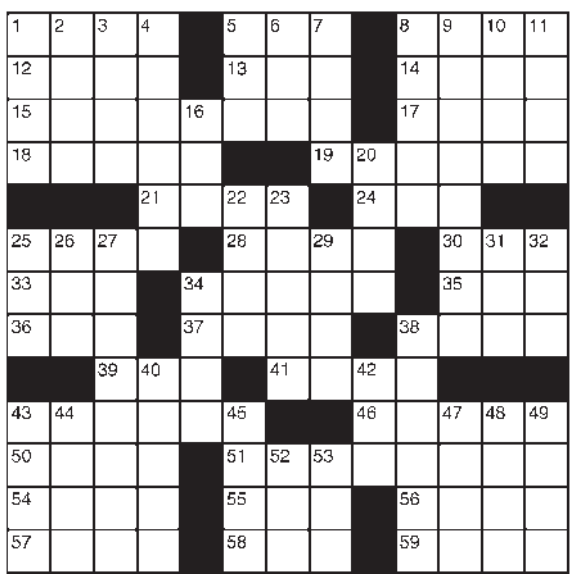
Yesterday's answer 7-9



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Fred Savage, 38; Jack White, 39; Tom Hanks, 58; Jimmy Smits, 59.

Happy Birthday: Revisit old ideas, goals and friends. Connecting with your past will assist you in moving forward with clarity. Your sensitivity to the younger and older people in your life will help you gain respect. Accepting the changes that develop will be your biggest challenge. How willing you are to work with instead of against change will determine how far you go. Your numbers are 2, 10, 18, 27, 34, 45, 49.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Invest in your appearance and your skills. A change will do you good and help to rejuvenate you mentally and emotionally. Don't let criticism bring you down. An active schedule will prove to reinforce your confidence. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Look for the positive in everything you do and with every situation you face. Having a good attitude will make a difference when dealing with business associates or personal partners. Don't let emotional disillusionment cloud your vision. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Let your charm guide you. The heartfelt way you express your ideas will have a lasting impression on those you encounter. The energy you put behind any job you do will bring great results, as well as positive change. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You'll be put in a compromising position if you offer help. Don't let anyone take advantage of you. Offer only what you feel is fair. Refuse to let anyone meddle in your affairs or your decisions. Put more time into learning instead of teaching. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Make changes at home or at work that will help you expand your interests, use your skills more efficiently and connect with people who are supportive and influential regarding your ability to excel. Love is on the rise and romance can be expected. ✪✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Problems will develop at home if you let your emotions take over. Don't allow jealousy to ruin your day. Emotional self-deception is apparent, making it vital that you avoid making an assumption about a situation you face. Put your time into helping others. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Help is on the way. What you offer others will be reciprocated. Teamwork will pay off and bring about favorable changes. A business trip, conference or seminar will bring you in touch with someone you want to get to know better. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Keep your money in a safe place and refrain from making emotional purchases of items you don't really need. Getting together with people who share your interests will lead to an interesting proposal. Push for what you want and you will get it. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You will be emotional regarding your personal life and prospects. Make a decision that will create a closer bond with someone special. A partnership can help you stabilize your future. Romance will improve your love life. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't get pushed into an argument. A situation you face is likely to get blown out of proportion, putting you in a losing position. Cut your losses and avoid a costly mistake. Emotional deception is evident. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Put your skills to work for you. There is money to be made if you invest in your talents and update your resume. Picking up additional knowledge will also open a window of opportunity through someone you befriend. ✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Keep busy and you will advance. Idle time will lead to emotional confusion and problems with someone you thought you could trust. Protect your assets and possessions. You can stabilize your financial position by cutting back on household spending. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are adventuresome and fun. You gravitate toward unusual interests.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/09

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

3	7	2	1	6	4	5	8	9
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Difficulty Level ★★ 7/09

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

PERSONAL FINANCE **Solution: 9 letters**

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Yesterday's Answer: Alert

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College degree required with (5) years minimum experience as an architectural draftsman in a construction firm. Must have strong knowledge in analysis of local building codes, create rough plans that show foundations, reinforcement, structures and other elements of design. Must be computer literate with latest computer software including computer-aided drafting (CAD) and have thorough knowledge in preparing as-built and shop drawings.

Interested qualified applicants submit complete application or resume and latest police clearance via e-mail at saipan@aicconstruction.com or mail to AIC Marinas, Inc. PMB 564 PPP Box 10000, Saipan, MP 96950.
Closing date: July 16, 2014

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(18) CONSTRUCTION WORKER
(2) PAINTER
(2) ELECTRICIAN
(3) HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR

With at least minimum of 2 years experience and must submit latest police clearance.

Application form can be picked up at Big Bell Inc (Office) Koblerville, Saipan, CNMI

REQ Day & Night Child Care

Job Vacancy Announcement

(4) Day Care Workers
- CCDF Certification required
- Willing to work flexible hours
- Must be reliable
- Medical Background is a plus
- 3 years experience in Child Care

(2) Teachers
- BSE/ED Graduate
- 3 Years Experience in head start, pre-school and afterschool teaching
- Must be computer literate

If interested, please email resume to reqchildcare@yahoo.com

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No. 14-037
Opening Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2014
Closing Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Utility Support Supervisor

REVISED

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbents duties and responsibilities are as follows: Supervising the staff and operations of the Call Center including performing exceptionally all the functions of a receptionist; Tracking statistics and preparing reports for management; Analyzing problems and providing information/solutions; Handling of customer issues requiring supervisory attention; Preparing call scripts to guide receptionists for specific types of calls; Preparing employee reference materials and updating materials as needed; Training staff on corporate regulations, policies, procedures, phone and billing system, phone and customer service etiquette, rate schedules, etc.; Preparing work schedules of the staff; Evaluating staff performance and recommending disciplinary actions as warranted; Preparing and submitting Call Center requisitions to managers; ensuring that department goals and expectations are satisfied; And performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION: ADMINISTRATION, **SAIPAN**.
SALARY: $21,104.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1)
CONTRACT: Not contracted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: Associate's Degree and two years of billing or direct customer service experience, and two years in a supervisory capacity; or a high school diploma or GED and five years of billing or direct customer service experience, and a minimum of two years in a supervisory capacity. Knowledge of: Supervisory principles; Administrative Procedures; Customer service principles and other applicable laws, rules, regulations; Computers; Microsoft Windows; Microsoft Office; Basic mathematics; Telephone etiquette; Office policies and procedures. Skills in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Providing customer service; Applying Federal, State, and/or Local Laws, rules, and regulations; Performing mathematical calculations; Applying accounting/financial principles; Recording analyzing, verifying, reconciling, and reporting of transactions; Operating a 10-key machine; Preparing and analyzing reports; Using a computer and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED & ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

ALPEX SAIPAN INC

Sales Operation Manager
Must have a college diploma with Bachelor's Degree in Sales & marketing with 5 years continued experience as Sales operation manager for wholesale company. Must have extensive knowledge on consumer products, sales & promotional planning, inventory & budget control and product importation. Must have the ability to handle overall operations of wholesale business. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work anytime needed.

Sales Officer
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 5 years continued selling experience. Must have own reliable transportation. Ability to meet monthly sales target and must have extensive contacts in various industries. Must have extensive knowledge in Japanese, US and Korean products. Proficiency in Microsoft Word programs & wholesale software system is a must. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Purchasing Agent
High School graduate or an Associate degree holder with at least 5 years of continued experience. Extensive knowledge in wholesale operation, ordering, planning, shipment. Extensive knowledge in Japanese and Korean products, preferred. Proficiency in Korean/Japanese speaking is advantage. Knowledgeable in Microsoft word programs & wholesale software system.

Building Repair & Maintenance/ Warehouse worker
High school graduate or equivalent with at least 5 years continued experience. Must have extensive knowledge and experience in general and repair work including electrical, refrigeration, carpentry work. Must be able to do some strenuous work with some lifting and carrying of items. Must know how to operate pallet jack and forklift equipments. Must be available to work on weekends and holidays.

Interested applicants submit resume and latest police clearance at Alpex Saipan Inc. office, across San Antonio Chuch, San Antonio Village.
For application to be considered should be sent not later than July 12, 2014.

CHONG'S CORPORATION Job Vacancy Announcement

Four (4) TECHNICIANS-AIR CONDITIONING & REFRIGERATION
- Install, service and repair of Central Air-Conditioning, Refrigeration and Ventilation Systems
- Repair and service of Chilled Water Air-conditioning System
- Perform repair and trouble analysis of VAV and VVT Control Systems
- Perform Computer based Control System

Other requirements:
- Minimum 10-year work experience required
- EPA Section 608 & R-410A (Certifications required)
- Maintenance Technician & Electrical Safety Course in accordance with 29CFR 1910 Standard (Certification required)
- Must possess good communication skill

One (1) SHEET METAL WORKER
- Fabricate and install sheet metal & fiberglass products and equipment such as ducts, control boxes, drain pipes & furnace casings
- Set-up and operate fabricating equipment and machines, soldering and welding equipment
- Must be knowledgeable in interpreting plans and specifications
- Minimum 10-year work experience required

One (1) HVAC/R SALES REPRESENTATIVE
- Knowledgeable of HVAC/R Equipment and Parts sale
- Knowledgeable of product selection, listing of order and inventory
- Must be proficient on Computer Software such as Peachtree Accounting System, MS Excel and MS Word

One (1) COMMERCIAL CLEANER
- Perform duties and responsibilities to maintain and clean commercial buildings, offices, warehouses, space rentals and private households in an orderly manner
- Perform basic to heavy cleaning duties
- Must be responsible, reliable & efficient at all times and Police Clearance required

E-mail resume to chongs@pticom.com

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Job Vacancy No. 14-036
Opening Date: Wednesday, July 02, 2014
Closing Date: Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Utility Support Technician

REVISED

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the Division Manager or his/her designee, the incumbent's duties and responsibilities are as follows. Answering all incoming calls for the corporation and transferring calls accordingly to respective offices within the corporation, including satellite offices; Assisting customers by providing general corporate information, such as rate schedules, job vacancy announcements, basic procurement information, contacts and website information, etc.; Assisting customers with basic account and simple billing inquires. Documents the communication with the customer by entering contact notes in the billing system; Responding to customers inquiries regarding service interruptions (outages) and other public notice or information; Processing trouble call work orders and communicating with field crew/staff to ensure that the trouble call is responded to. Communicates and updates the customer on the progress or resolution of the trouble call; Preparing daily activity reports; Communicating with the supervisor calls relating to emergencies or threats immediately and on pending or unresolved customer issues within a reasonable time period; and Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

LOCATION : ADMINISTRATION, **SAIPAN**.
POSITIONS : Six (6).
SALARY : $15,139.00 per annum.
CONTRACT : Not Contracted.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: High School Diploma, or G.E.D., and one to two years work experience. Preferred (but not required): Experience in the hospitality industry, direct customer service, utility, dispatch or call center experience. Knowledge of: Supervisory principles; Basic bookkeeping principles; Office procedures, methods, and equipment; Keyboarding techniques; Basic mathematical concepts; Customer service principles; Banking procedures. Skill in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Providing customer service; Paying attention to detail in order to find errors; Performing basic mathematical calculations; Maintaining records; Keyboarding; Using standard office equipment; Tabulating, recording, and balancing transactions; Preparing routine reports; Using a computer and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal and writing skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction. APPLICANTS MAY BE TESTED & ARE SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT DRUG SCREENING.

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JOB VANCANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

1 – LPG EQUIPMENT/TANKER MECHANIC
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have a minimum of 5 preferably more years experience specifically dealing with LPG with demonstrable experience in the administering of LPG equipment installations and their subsequent maintenance.
- Repairing and maintaining of LPG Tanker Trucks, LPG pumps and metering system.
- must have experience with dangerous good regulations and familiarization in hazard class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials and Dagerous Goods).
- must have the knowledge in safety practices and hazmat security procedures.
- Safety training to Hazardous Material transportation is required.
- Commercial Driver's Health Certificate is required.
- Excellent communication skills both verbal and written especially when it come to inventory and reporting.
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG TANK TRUCK DRIVER
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience as LPG Tank Truck Driver
- Knowledge to load and/or unload LPG at filling rack and read gauges or meters.
- Must know to operate LPG Truck (MC-331) in accordance to established safety procedures.
- Must be a trained Hazmat Tank truck driver
- Safety training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation and have knowledge in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods).
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – LPG MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Must have 5 years experience in the relevant field
- Ability to perform LPG equipment installation.
- Monitor the loading and/or unloading of LPG from isotainer to LPG storage tank with safety procedures.
- Training certificate is required in Hazardous Material Transportation
- Familiarization in Hazard Class 1075 & 49 CFR (Hazard Materials/Dangerous Goods)
- Commercial Drivers Health Certificate is required
- Must possess a current and valid CNMI driver's license and not be disqualified to drive a motor vehicle.

1 – BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT
Salary: Minimum/Negotiable, Full time
- Applicant must have 5 years work related experience in accounting.
- Must have knowledge in LPG Petroleum business activities.
- Must have a good communication and multitasking skills, organizational, self-motivation, responsibility, and able to manage deadlines.
- Must have knowledge in Peachtree software, Microsoft Excel, and Microsoft Word operations.

Mail your complete application or resume' to:
Wushin Corporation, PO Box 500440, Saipan, MP 96950
Closing date: July 11, 2014

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Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Operation Manager
4-5yrs experience. Salary: $5.55-$6.00/hr

All interested applicants may send resume to ming@pacifictacticalsupply.com

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

H.S. Lee Construction Co. Inc.

Maintenance Supervisor
5-10 years continued experience. Extensive knowledge in building inspection, safety measures and waste management. Must have experience in general and repair work including electrical, plumbing, mechanical and carpentry work. Knowledgeable in OSHA and CNMI environmental laws. Knowledgeable in electrical system installation in accordance with NEC and local government standards.

Building Repairs and maintenance
5-7 years continued experience. Perform maintenance and repair jobs on buildings, knowledge in carpentry, plumbing, masonry and yard work.

Houseworker
5 years experience. Honest, trustworthy, hardworking and follow instructions well. Can perform housework and cook Korean meals. Preferably Korean speaking.

Interested applicants submit resume and latest police clearance at HS Lee Construction Office, 2nd floor of Highway Express Building middle Road. For application to be considered should be sent not later than July 12, 2014

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Small 1-BR, 1-BTH. Unit approximately 284 sq.ft. **$250**/month.
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(Navy Hill) Unit Approximately 642 sq/ft
Luxury 2BR & 1BTH Apt with private balcony & beautiful view.
$550/month

Hilltop Condominium
(San Vicente) Unit approximately 1,024sq/ft
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$700/month
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Venture Transportation Corporation
Job Vacancy Announcement

(1) Fleet Mechanic
- Minimum of 5 years work experience
- 24/7 on call
- Must have a valid driver's license with clean record
- Court Clearance required

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- Airport Concession Supervisor
- Sous Chef
- Purchasing Specialist
- Food Service Supervisor

Requirements: Superior Court and District/Federal Court Police Clearances and Health Certificate. Applications are available at the Main Office located on airport road, situated between American Red Cross Office and Historic Preservation Office.

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

D&W Saipan Inc.

Automotive Service Technician and Mechanics (3)
5 years continued experience. Knowledgeable in general repair and replacement services to include: truing rotors and drums, disc drums and brakes, wheel alignment, struts and suspension, engine performance (tune-up), fuel systems, cruise control, sound systems, exhaust systems, fluid and filter service, heating and cooling systems, air conditioning systems, drive train/U-joint service, front wheel drive/constant velocity joints and specialty installations

Supervisor of Mechanics Installer & Repairer
5 years continued experience. 4-year degree graduate, preferred. Knowledgeable in general repair of vehicles/trucks. Proficient in estimating and quoting jobs and diagnosing mechanical problems at all stages. Demonstrated proficiency in supervising and motivating subordinates. Excellent written and oral communication

Four Wheel Alignment Technician
5 years continued experience. Heshbon HA710 Series Computer Alignment, preferred. Specialize in performing wheel Alignments and adjustment on medium and heavy duty vehicles. Comprehensive understanding of vehicle performance & under-body diagnosis, and knowledge of brake system, steering, suspension. Promote tire sales, provide technical service, repairs and diagnose tire wear.

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LeBron, Cavs owner could mend differences, reunite

CLEVELAND (AP)—There was no eye contact, nothing to indicate any reconciliation. The breakup of LeBron James and Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert was beyond bitter.

But now, as James considers a return to the team he abandoned four years ago with an entire region breathlessly awaiting a homecoming it couldn't imagine in its wildest dreams, it appears there has been some healing between the NBA superstar and his former boss.

Once aligned as basketball partners, James and Gilbert could barely stand the sight of each other during Miami's games in Cleveland the past four years. It was an intense standoff, awkward and seemingly irreparable.

Time may have fixed their fractured relationship.

Most of the rest of the city has already forgiven James.

Cleveland, without a major sports championship to celebrate in almost 50 years, is praying for a reunion. On Sunday, Cavs fans flocked to social media to feverishly track one of Gilbert's private jets as it flew to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, where the plane's occupants dodged reporters and TV cameras with some deception.

It's not known if Gilbert was on the jet - or if the trip was even NBA-related - but that didn't douse the free-agency firestorm. As James' decision nears, there's a renewed hope the prodigal son will come home.

But in the backdrop looms the James-Gilbert relationship.

James is giving serious thought to returning to Cleveland, to going home and making amends with the city for the one misstep in an otherwise impeccable NBA career. Tuesday is the four-year anniversary of announcing he was "taking my talents to South Beach," and the city is once again on hold. James is set to meet with Heat president Pat Riley, who was able to lure the four-time league MVP to Miami in 2010 but could be running out of time to convince him to stay.

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In this Aug. 10, 2013 file photo, Miami Heat's LeBron James greets a young fan while on the way to an interview at his foundation's second annual "I Promise Family Reunion," in Akron, Ohio. As Cavaliers fans breathlessly await a homecoming they never thought possible, the broken relationship between James and Dan Gilbert could get in the way.

Two people familiar with the situation said James will meet with Riley "in the next two or three days." The people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because neither the team nor James announced their plans publicly.

On Monday, the Heat announced they intend to sign free agents Danny Granger and Josh McRoberts when the league's moratorium ends later this week. Riley must hope those moves, and maybe another couple, are enough to keep James. The time and place of their critical meeting remains unknown.

James holds all the cards. It's his choice.

It was the same four years ago, when James ended his seven-year run in Cleveland by linking with All-Stars Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh. The "Big 3" went on to win two titles and appear in four straight NBA finals, getting crushed by San Antonio this year.

The trio could be splitting up. Wade and Bosh have been waiting to see what James will do, and it's possible he's going to go it alone.

On July 8, 2010, "The Decision" played out in a national TV spectacle and was a blow to the collective psyche of Cleveland. Fans here couldn't understand why James, Akron born and bred, would intentionally embarrass the people who say they loved him most.

In those early hours afterward, some Cleveland fans burned his No. 23 jersey in streets near where his larger-than-life figure towered on a building billboard. It was an ugly scene.

Gilbert added fuel to the inferno.

Cleveland's dynamic owner, never afraid to offer his opinion, wrote a letter to Cleveland fans, condemning James for a "shameful display of selfishness and betrayal by one of our very own." Gilbert called James "our former hero" and the "self-declared former King."

Gilbert also guaranteed the Cavs would win a title before James, a boast he later swallowed when James won his first title in his second year in Miami while his old team went 40-108 in two seasons without him.

Gilbert further ripped James by telling the AP in a phone call that he believed the two-time MVP quit during the playoffs against Boston. "It's not about him leaving," Gilbert said. "It's the disrespect. It's time for people to hold these athletes accountable for their actions. Is this the way you raise your children? I've been holding this all in for a long time."

He let it all ago, and it caused a mammoth rift with James.

But over the past few years, there has been some cooling between them.

James said he didn't hold a grudge toward Gilbert, and one day before the Heat rallied from a 27-point deficit in the second half to beat the Cavs in Cleveland, Gilbert offered something of an olive branch on Twitter.

"Cleveland Cavaliers young talent makes our future very bright," Gilbert wrote. "Clearly, LeBron's is as well. Time for everyone to focus on the road ahead."

The road has brought them to an unlikely crossroads: a possible reunion.

If James does come back, he'll return to a roster of new faces. Center Anderson Varejao is the only player left from Cleveland's 2010 roster. James will also see a revamped front office, newly hired coach David Blatt and a revived downtown that now includes a casino owned by Gilbert.

When James left, the odds he would ever wear a Cavaliers uniform appeared insurmountable.

Four years later, there's a chance it could happen.

Hard feelings, however, could get in the way.

Report: Bosh considers Rockets offer

Chris Bosh is seriously considering the Houston Rockets' four-year, $96 million maximum contract offer, ESPN.com reported Monday.

Bosh opted out of the final two years of his deal with the Miami Heat -- worth $42 million—and had planned to see what LeBron James decided before making his choice.

But according to ESPN.com, Bosh's conversation with James about his future in Miami this past weekend created enough doubt for Bosh to begin considering his other options, including Houston's offer. The source said Bosh did not know whether or not James was staying in Miami.

Bosh reportedly has been willing to take an annual pay cut by accepting a five-year deal worth $80 million-$90 million from Miami. But ESPN sources say the Heat have been trying to get Bosh to accept a lesser deal.

In the days before free agency began, it was speculated that the Heat's Big Three of James, Dwyane Wade and Bosh would resign for less to make more runs at the NBA championship.

Since then, it has been reported that James would not take a discount to return to Miami. He has never been the highest-paid player on his team over his 11-year NBA career.

ESPN.com reported that James' agent, Rich Paul, has sat down with Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert. Paul also has reportedly had discussions and meetings with the Phoenix Suns, Houston Rockets, Dallas Mavericks and Los Angeles Lakers.

Marcel Kittel wins last UK stage of Tour

LONDON (AP) — At this point, the top Tour de France sprint star might be called Sir Marcel.

Marcel Kittel, the German with a French first name, led a bunch sprint to win Monday's Stage 3 with a finish on the doorstep of Queen Elizabeth's Buckingham Palace. Two days earlier, he courted royal attention as Prince William and Kate saw him win Stage 1 in Yorkshire in another sprint.

The stage wrapped up the English debut to this 101st Tour edition, a rousing success among cycling-crazed British fans. Riders hopped on planes and bid "au revoir" to the U.K. before flying across the English Channel onto the race's home turf.

Rain in the City of London doused riders at the end of the 155-kilometer (96-mile) ride from the university town of Cambridge to a dramatic finish past landmarks Big Ben and Westminster.

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali retained the overall leader's yellow jersey with a 2-second lead over the most likely contenders to win the three-week race in Paris on July 27.

Kittel, led out perfectly by Giant-Shimano teammates, made it look easy as he sped down a final wide approach on The Mall with Buckingham Palace behind him. Peter Sagan of Slovakia was second and Australia's Mark Renshaw was third.

"I'm really, really happy I could win in front of Buckingham Palace," said Kittel, who won four Tour stages last year. "It was one of the greatest finishes I've ever seen in front of this great scenery."

The hulking German made it a tale of two cities. He added London glory to his record after also winning on the Champs-Elysees in Paris, in the Tour finale last year. His job in the sprints got a lot easier after Britain's Mark Cavendish pulled out of the race after injuring his shoulder in a crash in Saturday's Stage 1.

"It's one big opponent that is not in the race anymore," Kittel said. "Of course, that changes things for me, but also for the team."

Kittel is no threat for the yellow jersey. Like many sprinters, he struggles on climbs and fell nearly 20 minutes behind Nibali in the overall standings in an up-and-down ride on Sunday through the hills and dales of Yorkshire.

Nibali's biggest challengers for the prized leader's shirt remain title-holder Chris Froome of Britain and Spain's Alberto Contador, who finished with the same time as the Italian and Kittel in an 84-rider bunch.

On Monday, the pack cruised nervously and let two breakaway riders go free on Monday. The duo was caught with about 6 kilometers (4 miles) left.

Tour officials estimated fans made nearly 5 million individual visits — some may have attended more than one stage — to the route in the first three stages. In signs of cross-Channel comity, Tour chief Christian Prudhomme took English lessons before the race; Britons waved both French tricolors and their beloved Union Jacks.

But the teeming curbs, sidewalks and roadsides again caused trouble for the riders. With about 30 kilometers (19 miles) left, 2010 Tour winner Andy Schleck of Luxembourg was among riders who crashed briefly, and French TV showed a fan on the ground. Schleck, who gingerly returned to the race, said he didn't hit a spectator.

"I guess it was my own fault," said Schleck, who collided with another rider and hurtled over his handlebars.

His Trek Factory Racing teammate Jens Voigt said: "I saw about 15 crashes today. In the end there were two guys on the ground but I don't know what happened exactly ... That's the Tour de France. The first week is always nervous."

In other spills, Ted King of Cannondale and Jan Bakelants, a Belgian rider on Cavendish's Omega Pharma QuickStep team who wore yellow jersey two days last year, each scraped up their right elbows and knees.

Davis ends slump, lifts Orioles past Nationals

WASHINGTON—Chris Davis snapped a lengthy slump with a tie-breaking homer in the 11th inning, part of a six-run uprising that carried the Baltimore Orioles past the Washington Nationals 8-2 on Monday night.

Manny Machado had a career-high five hits, including a homer in the 11th, and Nelson Cruz hit his 28th home run to help the AL East-leading Orioles earn their seventh win in eight games.

Anthony Rendon homered for the Nationals, who lost for only the second time in nine games.

After Cruz led off the 11th with a broken-bat single off Craig Stammen (0-4), Davis worked the count full before launching a drive into the center-field seats to end a 2-for-38 funk. J.J. Hardy followed with a solo shot, Nick Markakis chased Stammen with an RBI double and Machado added a two-run drive off Aaron Barrett.

T.J. Macfarland (2-2) worked two scoreless innings for the win.

The Baltimore Orioles' Chris Davis, right, and Manny Machado, are seen in this file photo hitting knuckles during an earlier game against the Washington Nationals. The two teams met anew on Monday night with the Orioles winning, 8-2.

Mets 4, Braves 3, 11 innings

In New York, Ruben Tejada singled home the winning run with two outs in the 11th inning after Curtis Granderson hit a tying homer in the eighth as the Mets beat Atlanta.

David Wright went deep early, Travis d'Arnaud had an RBI double and Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched seven shutout innings for the Mets, who have won three of four.

Freddie Freeman had three hits and a walk for the Braves, who have lost two straight after a nine-game winning streak. Andrelton Simmons singled twice for his sixth straight multihit game.

Carlos Torres (4-4) pitched two scoreless innings for the win.

Juan Lagares doubled off Anthony Varvaro (3-2) with one out in the 11th, and Lucas Duda was intentionally walked before Lagares went to third on d'Arnaud's long fly to center. Tejada lined the next pitch up the middle and tossed his helmet aside after rounding first.

Yankees 5, Indians 3

In Cleveland, Shane Greene allowed two runs in six innings for his first major league win and All-Star Dellin Betances earned his first career save to help New York beat Cleveland.

Greene (1-0) didn't allow a hit until former Yankee Nick Swisher's two-out homer in the fifth. The 25-year-old right-hander, called up from Triple-A Las Vegas, was pressed into service after scheduled starter Vidal Nuno was traded to Arizona for right-hander Brandon McCarthy on Sunday.

Brett Gardner, Brian McCann and Ichiro Suzuki had three hits apiece for New York.

Justin Masterson (4-6) continued to pitch poorly and was pulled without retiring a batter in the third. Cleveland's opening-day starter allowed five runs and six hits in two-plus innings.

Betances pitched the final two innings, giving closer David Robertson a rest day.

Reds 9, Cubs 3

In Cincinnati, Jay Bruce played first base for the first time since high school and committed an error that let in a run, but later homered to help Cincinnati rally for the win in the opener of a five-game series.

Billy Hamilton drove in a career-high four runs with a single and a bases-loaded triple.

The Reds have won 11 of their last 16 games despite getting little production from injured first baseman Joey Votto.

Mike Leake (7-7) gave up a two-run homer by Anthony Rizzo and an unearned run off Bruce's error during seven innings. Leake is 8-2 in his career against Chicago, including 4-0 in his last four starts with a 1.71 ERA.

After Bruce's error let in a run that tied it 1-all in the fifth, he singled and scored on Devin Mesoraco's double off Edwin Jackson (5-9). Bruce hit a two-run homer off left-hander James Russell in the seventh, and Hamilton had his three-run triple in the eighth.

White Sox 4, Red Sox 0

In Boston, Scott Carroll pitched 6 2-3 innings of one-hit ball, and Dayan Viciedo hit a three-run homer to lead Chicago.

Making the eighth — and best — start of his career, Carroll (3-5) walked two and struck out five while shutting down the defending World Series champions. Adam Dunn hit a solo homer in the second inning and doubled and scored on Viciedo's home run in the fourth.

Clay Buchholz (3-5) allowed four runs on five hits and a walk, and struck out seven in seven innings. The Red Sox have lost six of seven and 12 of 17 to fall into last place in the AL East.

Royals 6, Rays 0

In St. Petersburg, Kansas City's James Shields sparkled in his return to Tropicana Field, limiting the Tampa Bay Rays to three hits and striking out 10 over seven innings.

Shields (9-4) spent the first seven seasons of his career with the Rays before being dealt to the Royals in December 2012 as part of a seven-player trade in which Kansas City sent 2013 AL rookie of the year Wil Myers and another top young prospect, Jake Odorizzi (4-8), to Tampa Bay.

Shields allowed singles to Ben Zobrist and James Loney in the first two innings, then worked through a jam in the third after giving up a one-out double to Kevin Kiermaier. He retired 10 straight, six by strikeout, before hitting Evan Longoria with a pitch leading off the seventh.

Phillies 3, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Chase Utley hit a two-run homer, and Cole Hamels allowed one earned run over 6 2-3 innings for his first victory in a month as Philadelphia edged Milwaukee.

Hamels (3-5) allowed two runs and seven hits, striking out seven and walking two for his first victory since June 6 — a span of six starts. Jonathan Papelbon pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save in 22 chances.

Utley, the starting National League All-Star second baseman, staked the Phillies to a 2-0 lead in the first inning with his seventh homer. It was the 27th home run allowed by Marco Estrada (7-6), the most in the majors.

It was the sixth loss in seven games for the Brewers, who have had sole possession of first place in the NL Central since April 9.

Astros 12, Rangers 7

In Arlington, Jon Singleton homered among three hits and drove in four runs, Marwin Gonzalez had a bases-loaded triple and Houston snapped a seven-game skid.

Gonzalez's triple followed five consecutive singles in a six-run second inning, and Singleton's towering flyball landed two rows above the Texas bullpen in right-center for a three-run shot and a 9-2 lead in the fourth.

Jarred Cosart (9-6) won for the first time in 12 career starts against AL West opponents despite allowing nine hits and six runs—five earned—in five innings.

Every Houston batter had at least one hit after George Springer's infield single with one out in the fourth. Singleton followed with his sixth homer to knock out Texas starter Miles Mikolas (0-1), who gave up 12 hits and nine runs in 3 1-3 innings.

Cardinals 2, Pirates 0

In St. Louis, Matt Adams hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift the Cardinals past Pittsburgh.

Matt Carpenter walked to lead off the ninth and Matt Holliday flied out. Adams then hit his 10th homer on an 0-1 pitch from Justin Wilson (2-1) for his first career game-winning homer. It was the Cardinals' first game-winning homer since Skip Schumaker connected against the Kansas City Royals on June 19, 2011.

Charlie Morton allowed one hit in seven innings for Pittsburgh, which stranded 12 runners. Adam Wainwright, the Cardinals' 11-game winner, scattered seven hits in seven scoreless innings.

Pat Neshek (3-0) worked a perfect ninth against the top of the order for St. Louis.

Diamondbacks 9, Marlins 1

In Phoenix, David Peralta drove in three runs and Miguel Montero knocked in two to lead Arizona.

The Diamondbacks jumped on Tom Koehler (6-7) early, scoring five runs in the second inning and three more in the fourth.

Peralta extended his hitting streak to eight games and the Diamondbacks had seven extra base hits to help Chase Anderson (6-4) end a four-game losing streak.

Martin Prado homered and Paul Goldschmidt broke an Arizona record with his 33rd double before the All-Star break, extending his streak of reaching base to 28 games.

Garrett Jones had three hits for the Marlins, who stranded 10 runners.

Padres 6, Rockies 1

In Denver, Ian Kennedy pitched seven sharp innings, Rene Rivera hit a tie-breaking RBI double in the sixth and San Diego beat Colorado.

Chase Headley added four hits for the Padres, including a two-run triple in the seventh inning to break open a close game.

Kennedy (7-9) seemed to gain strength the deeper he got into the game, striking out five of the last six batters he faced before wind, rain and lightning forced the delay heading into the eighth inning. Kevin Quackenbush stepped in for Kennedy when play resumed.

Kennedy finished with nine strikeouts, boosting his team-leading total this season to 125. He also drew a lead-off walk from Tyler Matzek (1-3) to start a three-run seventh inning.

Judge approves NFL concussion settlement

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A federal judge on Monday granted preliminary approval to a landmark deal that would compensate thousands of former NFL players for concussion-related claims.

The ruling by U.S. District Judge Anita Brody in Philadelphia came about two weeks after the NFL agreed to remove a $675 million cap on damages. Brody had previously questioned whether that would be enough money to pay all claims.

"A class action settlement that offers prompt relief is superior to the likely alternative - years of expensive, difficult, and uncertain litigation, with no assurance of recovery, while retired players' physical and mental conditions continue to deteriorate," Brody wrote.

More than 4,500 former players have filed suit, some accusing the league of fraud for its handling of concussions. They include former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett and Super Bowl-winning Chicago Bears quarterback Jim McMahon, who suffers from dementia.

The settlement is designed to last at least 65 years and give $1 million or more to retirees who develop Lou Gehrig's disease and other profound neurological problems.

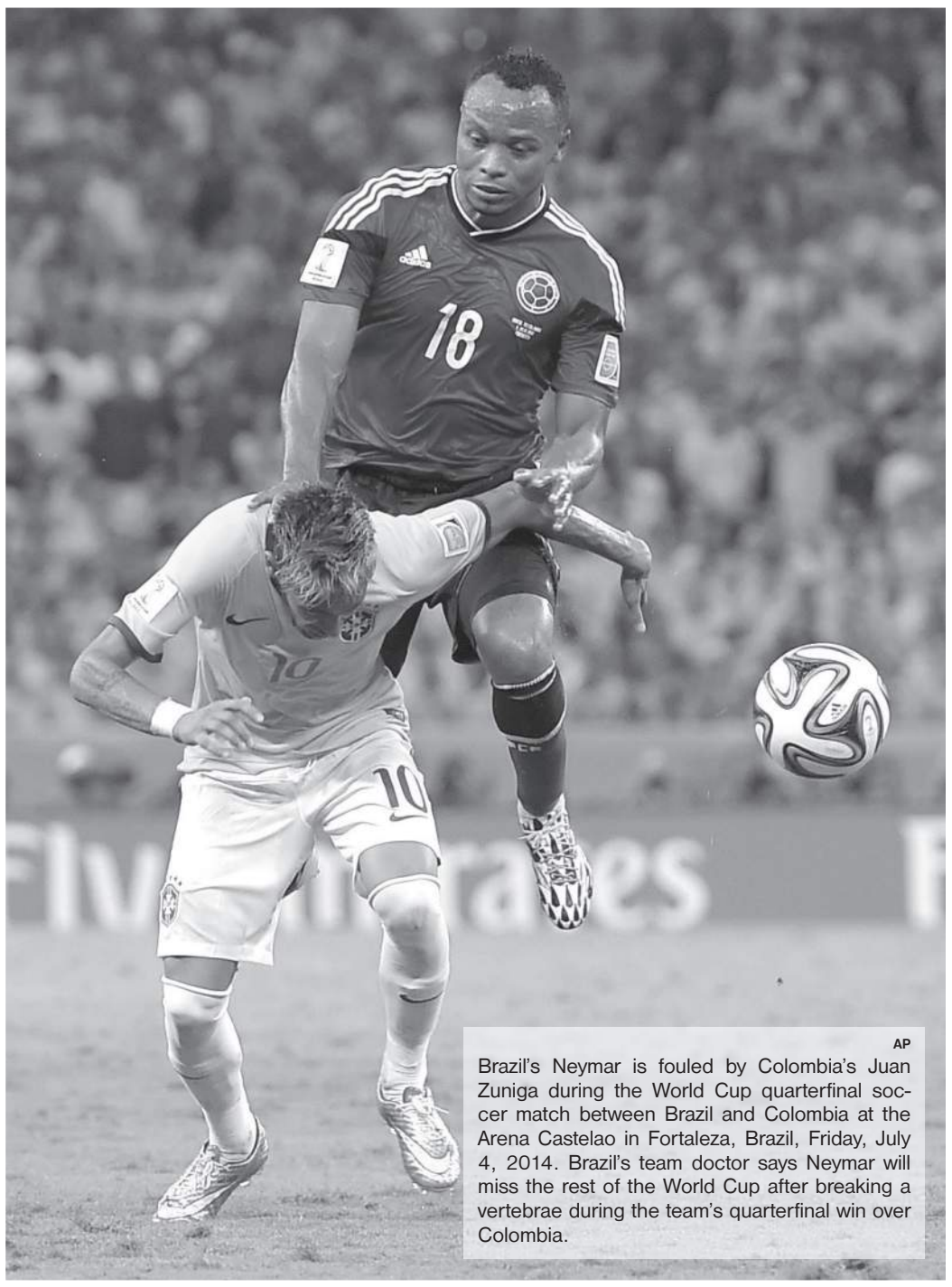
"This is an extraordinary settlement for retired NFL players and their families - from those who suffer with neuro-cognitive illnesses today, to those who are currently healthy but fear they may develop symptoms decades into the future," plaintiffs' attorneys Sol Weiss and Christopher Seeger said in a statement.

NFL senior vice president Anastasia Danias said in a statement that the league was "grateful to Judge Brody for her guidance and her thoughtful analysis of the issues as reflected in the comprehensive opinion she issued today."

The original settlement included $675 million for compensatory claims for players with neurological symptoms, $75 million for baseline testing and $10 million for medical research and education. The NFL would also pay an additional $112 million to the players' lawyers, for a total payout of more than $870 million.

The revised settlement eliminates the cap on overall damage claims but retains a payout formula for individual retirees that considers their age and illness. A young retiree with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease, would receive $5 million, a 50-year-old with Alzheimer's disease would get $1.6 million and an 80-year-old with early dementia would get $25,000.

FIFA takes no action over challenge on Neymar



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Brazil's Neymar is fouled by Colombia's Juan Zuniga during the World Cup quarterfinal soccer match between Brazil and Colombia at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil, Friday, July 4, 2014. Brazil's team doctor says Neymar will miss the rest of the World Cup after breaking a vertebrae during the team's quarterfinal win over Colombia.

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) -- FIFA will not take action against the Colombia player who injured Neymar and ended the Brazil star's World Cup.

FIFA said its disciplinary panel "cannot consider this matter" under the rules because the match referee saw the challenge by Camilo Zuniga and judged it at the time.

"In this specific case, no retrospective action can be taken," FIFA said in a statement on Monday, because the incident "did not escape the match officials' attention."

In a separate decision, the panel also refused to consider a Confederation of Brazilian Football appeal against captain Thiago Silva's yellow card in the 2-1 win quarterfinals over Colombia on Friday in Fortaleza.

Thiago Silva's second caution of the tournament triggered a one-match ban which he will serve in the semifinals. Brazil will therefore be without its best player and its captain against Germany on Tuesday in Belo Horizonte.

Neymar will be sidelined for about 45 days after sustaining a fractured third vertebra.

The panel studied video of Zuniga's 86th-minute challenge, where he kneed Neymar in the back when jumping into him at speed. Zuniga apologized on Saturday.

Spanish referee Carlos Velasco Carballo did not show Zuniga a yellow card, and FIFA's disciplinary panel considered the incident judged on the spot.

The seriousness of an injury could not be weighed in a disciplinary decision, nor was mistaken identity a factor in the case, FIFA added.

"First and foremost, the chairman of the FIFA Disciplinary Committee (Claudio Sulser) wishes to state that he deeply regrets the incident and the serious consequences on Neymar's health," the statement said.

The Luis Suarez biting case earlier in the World Cup raised expectations that Sulser's panel would also punish Zuniga.

However, Suarez's bite of Italy defender Giorgio Chiellini's shoulder was missed by match officials. That allowed Sulser to use video evidence to ban the Uruguay forward for nine international matches and four months.

The Mexican referee in that case, Marco Rodriguez, will handle the Brazil-Germany semifinal in his first match duty since Uruguay beat Italy 1-0 on June 24.

Thiago Silva was booked against Colombia for impeding goalkeeper David Ospina who tried to kick the ball downfield.

The FIFA disciplinary code states that cautions can be canceled only in "exceptional circumstances."

The panel "cannot consider the matter given the fact that there is no legal basis entitling it to grant such request," FIFA said.

Neymar denies attempt to play in finals

Neymar and the Brazilian football confederation have denied media reports that the striker could undergo special treatment on his fractured vertebra to try to play in the World Cup final if Brazil makes it that far.

Both Neymar and the confederation released statements late Sunday saying that nothing that could risk the player's health or career would be attempted to allow him to play in the final if Brazil advances past Germany in Tuesday's semifinals.

The statements came after the Brazilian media quoted doctors from the Brazlian club Santos as saying there was a chance Neymar could play in the final by with alternative treatments and painkiller injections.

The confederation said rushed measures would ''put in risk his future life as an athlete.''

Di Maria out, Aguero in

Argentina midfielder Angel Di Maria has been ruled out of the World Cup semifinal against the Netherlands with a thigh injury while striker Sergio Aguero has been declared fit to play after recovering from a similar problem.

Di Maria limped off the field in the first half of Argentina's quarterfinal win over Belgium after straining a muscle in the back of his right thigh.

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finished first in three races. She clocked in a field best 4:59.04 in the 400m freestyle and earned her two other first place finishes in the 1,500m freestyle (19:51.58) and 800m freestyle (10:21.09). In the 200m freestyle, the Saipan International School student submitted 2:23.81 to rank second, while her 1:06.59 in the 100m freestyle was good for third place. Chentsova also raced in the 100m breaststroke and placed fourth after registering 1:21.71.

Akimaru duplicated Chentsova's three first place finishes, ruling the boys 13 to 14's 200m IM (2:43.42), 400m IM (5:52.10), and 100m butterfly (1:15.08). In his others events, Akimaru had the second fastest times both in the 200m freestyle (2:24.27) and 100m freestyle (1:05.40). In the 100m breaststroke, Akimaru missed a Top 5 finish, but still had a good time (1:25.22).

Villacrusis joined the same 13 to 14 age group competition and was first in the 200m freestyle (2:35.07). He was runner-up in the 400m freestyle (5:26.40) and 200m IM (3:01.88), and third in the 50m freestyle (30.18 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:09.75), and 50m freestyle (29.83 seconds). Villacrusis swam in the 100m breaststroke, too, and clocked in at 1:33.44.

"It was an excellent showing for the islands swimmers and the first time in about 20 years since swimmers competed in Hawaii and the Big Island," said former SSC coach Bill Sakovich, who hosted the SSC swimmers in Hilo with the help of two other families.

Sakovich added the five SSC swimmers trained at the Hilo High School and Kawamoto Public Pool with the Hilo Aquatics, which incidentally is under his and his wife Jeannie's watch. The visiting swimmers also joined the training session of the Warrior Aquatics, which is coached by former SSC member Justin Pierce.

"The Hilo hosts, including the Sabnanis and Shimabukuro, were happy to accommodate Saipan swimmers and it was like old home week for I and Jean," Sakovich said.

After their stop in Hilo, Winkfield and his five swimmers headed to Oahu for the Keo Nakama Invitational, which was held last weekend. Results of the second competition will be reported later this week.

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the goal-scoring duties more evenly - Robben and Robin van Persie each have three, Memphis Depay has two of the team's total of 12 - but the Bayern Munich winger's scintillating sprints with the ball have often been the highlights of Oranje matches.

''We know that we will play against one of the best teams when it comes to counterattacks because of the speed of their men up front,'' Argentina midfielder Javier Mascherano said. ''So we have to take precautions to not give them the possibility to counterattack, to always be well positioned, to not lose balls unnecessarily in areas where there's a lot of risk.''

After scoring 10 times in group play, the Netherlands has managed only two in its two knock-out matches and the Dutch will be hoping captain Van Persie regains his touch in front of goal. He looked off the pace and missed an easy chance near the end of regulation time in the quarterfinal against Costa Rica.

The Netherlands will again be without their powerful midfield controller Nigel de Jong, who has a torn groin muscle. A possible replacement, Leroy Fer, is recovering from a hamstring injury and it is not clear if he will be fit for Wednesday's semifinal at the Itaquerao Stadium.

Argentina will be without Real Madrid winger Angel Di Maria, who limped off in the first half of his country's quarterfinal win over Belgium with a right thigh injury, but striker Sergio Aguero has been declared fit after recovering from a similar problem.

Di Maria scored the extra-time winner against Switzerland in the second round and set up Gonzalo Higuain's winning goal in the first half against Belgium on Saturday.

''He's a good player, but we look at the whole team, not one player,'' Netherlands goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen said. ''We're going to watch ... how Argentina plays. We're going to make our plan to beat Argentina.''

Whether that plan again could involve Cillessen being substituted a minute before a penalty shootout and replaced with the more physically imposing Tim Krul - as happened against Costa Rica - remains to be seen.

The move by tactical mastermind Louis van Gaal was the World Cup's most surprising substitution and one of its most effective as Krul stopped two penalties.

''We are ready for everything,'' Krul said. ''Hopefully, we don't need it against Argentina and we can do the job in 90 minutes.''

The two sides have a long World Cup history, including one of the Netherlands' most heart-breaking losses, in the 1978 final when Rob Rensenbrink's shot hit the post shortly before full time with the scores level at 1-1. Argentina went on to win 3-1 in extra time.

In 1998, the Dutch led by Guus Hiddink got a measure of revenge when Dennis Bergkamp's memorable goal knocked Argentina out in the quarterfinals in France.

Cillessen said beating Argentina in Sao Paulo would only be a step on the way to making amends for the 1978 final - one of three the Netherlands has lost, earning the Dutch the title of the best team never to win the World Cup.

''It would be revenge if we win the World Cup,'' Cillessen said. ''But we have to wait for that. It's not a final. It's a semi.''

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	49	40	.551	—
Toronto	47	44	.516	3
New York	45	43	.511	3½
Tampa Bay	41	51	.446	9½
Boston	39	50	.438	10

Central Division

Detroit	48	37	.565	—
Kansas City	46	42	.523	3½
Cleveland	43	45	.489	6½
Chicago	43	47	.478	7½
Minnesota	39	49	.443	10½

West Division

Oakland	56	33	.629	—
Los Angeles	52	36	.591	3½
Seattle	49	40	.551	7
Texas	38	51	.427	18
Houston 37	54	.407	20	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	49	40	.551	—
Washington	48	40	.545	½
Miami	43	46	.483	6
New York	40	49	.449	9
Philadelphia	38	51	.427	11

Central Division

Milwaukee	52	38	.578	—
St. Louis	48	42	.533	4
Pittsburgh	47	42	.528	4½
Cincinnati	46	42	.523	5
Chicago	38	49	.437	12½

West Division

Los Angeles	51	40	.560	—
San Francisco	49	40	.551	1
San Diego	40	49	.449	10
Arizona	38	53	.418	13
Colorado	37	53	.411	13½

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CNMI sticks to game plan

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI Senior All-Stars manager Patrick Tenorio issues instructions to his players during their game against Guam in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines last week.

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Players of the CNMI Senior All-Stars flash the No. 1 sign after beating Guan, 8-6, in the finals of the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines last week.

Following the game plan paid off for the World Series-bound CNMI Senior League All-Stars.

Team manager Patrick Tenorio bared that their strategy was to play small ball against Guam in the finals of the Senior League division in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament in the Philippines.

"We wanted most of them to bunt so runners can move one base at a time. We don't want to rush things and commit mistakes. Only those big hitters are encouraged to go all out and hit over the fence," said Tenorio in a telephone interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

The Commonwealth players started executing the game plan at the top of the fourth inning with Darion Jones leading off and blasting a single. Jones was one of the few CNMI players allowed to go for a big swing and he earned the license after his consistent performance at the plate in the elimination round. One of the game announcers in the finals even called Jones as the most feared hitters in the division. The next five CNMI batters went on to go for bunts and the CNMI was rewarded with two runs off those short shots. The Commonwealth's gamble was timely, as the field was a bit soggy due to the intermittent rain and the ball was either stuck on the muddy spot or rolled slow. With this condition, in took Guam fielders time to recover the leather, allowing CNMI runners to steal bases.

The CNMI was down, 0-2, after three innings, but grabbed the lead, 4-2, after employing its game plan at the top of the fourth. Tenorio's wards continued to hit small balls in the ensuing plays before Nathan Camacho, the other big hitter on the CNMI side, connected on a two-run homer at the top of the fifth to break the fifth deadlock, 6-5. Guam tied the match for the last time at the bottom of the fifth before the CNMI got the two runs at the top of the seventh to set up its title win. The first of those two runs came from the leadoff runner, who went for a bunt, and two more CNMI batters also attempted short hits.

At the bottom of the seventh, Camacho got the two quick strikeouts, while Franko Nakamura earned the last out.

"It was a sweet ending because Franko caught the batter looking. I was expecting a swing and a miss," said Tenorio, who trusted his gut feeling when he selected Nakamura to replace Camacho at the mound.

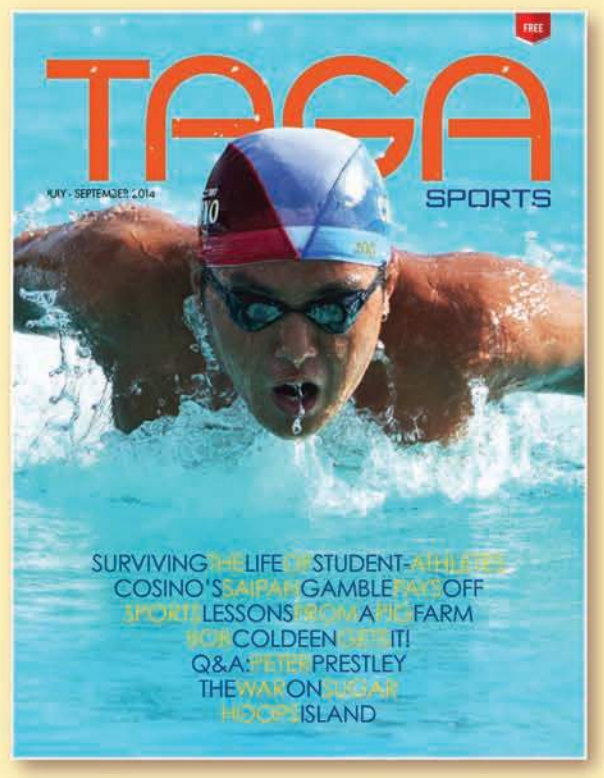
"I usually have two other pitchers playing defense—A.J. Evangelista and Franko Nakamura. Gut feeling told me to call Franko and I am glad he responded well," Tenorio added.

Though Camacho and Nakamura stepped up in the closing minutes of the match and Jones was at his best hitting form, Tenorio said the win against Guam in the finals and versus the five teams in the elimination were products of their team effort.

"Every player knows their responsibility on the team and they did it, whether they were on the field playing defense and going at bat or at the dugout supporting their teammates. Teamwork, discipline, and execution brought us back to the World Series," said Tenorio.

The last time the CNMI sent a Senior League team to the World Series was in 2010.

"We're happy to end the slump. We will work on modifying our training and strategy because the World Series is an entirely different ballgame. We will be facing the best in the different regions so the competition level is very high," the team manager added.



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SSC swimmers excel in Hawaii tourney

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Five Saipan Swim Club members had notable showings in the Big Island Age Group Swimming Championships held late last month in Hilo, Hawaii.

Victoria Chentsova, Kento Akimaru, Christian Villacrusis, Lennosuki Suzuki, and Taiga Sato, who were accompanied by SSC coach Jacoby Winkfield, recorded several Top 5 finishes in the two-day tournament that took place on June 28 and 29.

Suzuki led SSC's campaign in Hawaii, notching five first place finishes out of his seven events in the boys 11 to 12 age group. He prevailed in the 200m individual medley (3.03.83), 100m freestyle (1:09.93), 50m freestyle (42.34 seconds), 100m breaststroke (1:34.03), and 200m freestyle (2:32.60). In his two other races, the 11-year-old got runner-up honors after posting 5:30.39 in the 400m freestyle and 31.41 seconds in the 50m freestyle.

Sato was in the same group as Suzuki and was ranked third in the 50m butterfly (42.62). He then placed fourth in the 400m freestyle (5:55.27) and 50m freestyle (34.40 seconds). The 11-year-old's two other events were sprints—the 50m and 100m backstroke races—where he clocked in at 42.65 seconds and 1:33.17, respectively.

Chentsova participated in six events in the girls 15 to 16 and

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Saipan Swim Club swimmers and coach Jacoby Winkfield, fourth from left, pose for a photo during their visit at the Volcano National Park in Hawaii.

Messi vs Robben in semifinals

Messi

Robben

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)— The World Cup's best dribblers — Lionel Messi and Arjen Robben — face off when Argentina and Netherlands meet in the semifinals.

In Brazil, Robben has been quick, Messi has been quicksilver.

On Wednesday in Sao Paulo, either one could turn the semifinal with a dazzling turn of pace or a weaving run to propel his team to the final.

''We have to cut the supply line to Messi,'' Dutch defender Bruno Martins Indi told Dutch website Nu.nl.

The Barcelona star led Argentina through the group stage with four goals. He has also made 180 passes in his five matches so far.

The Dutch have shared

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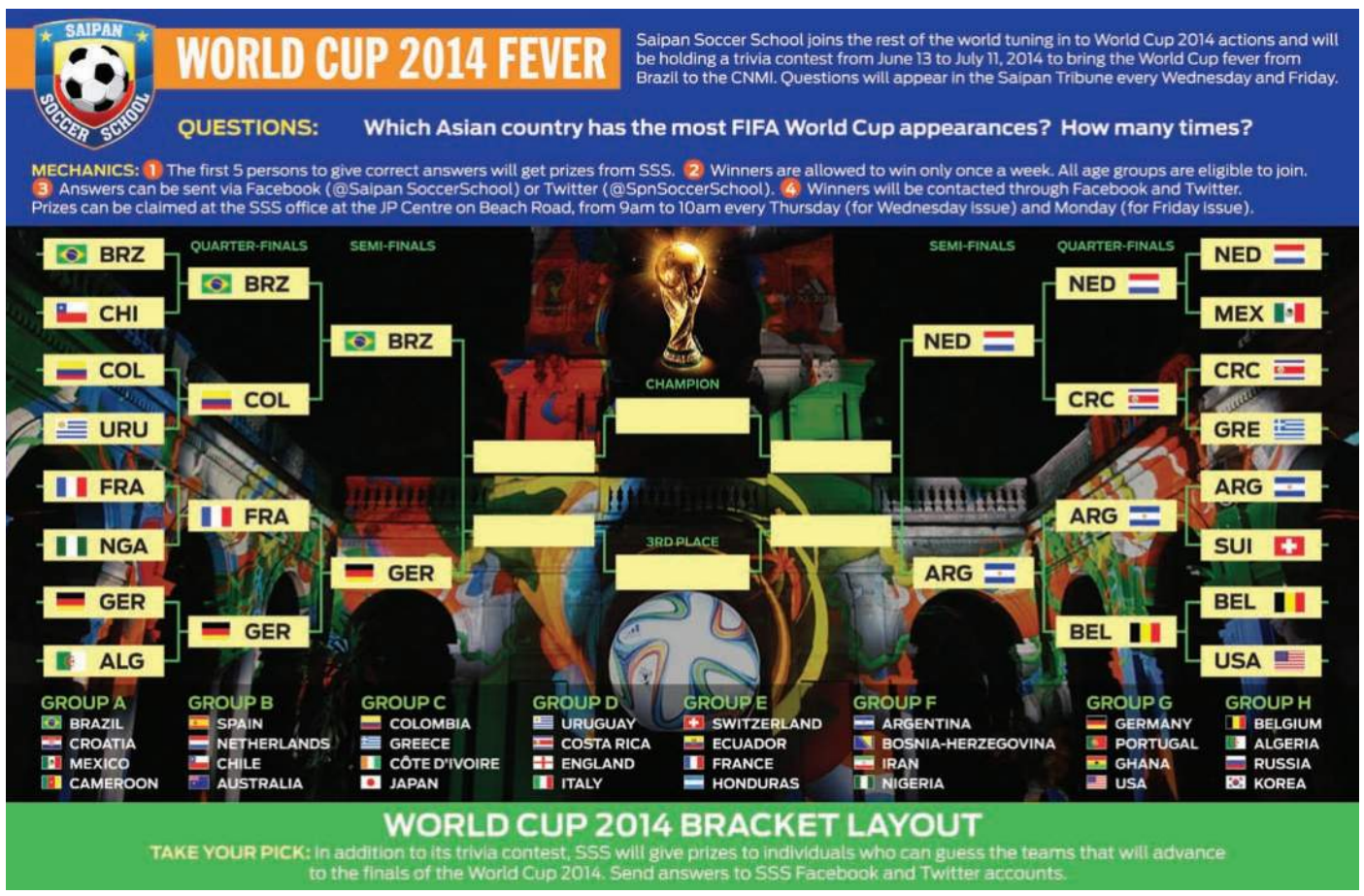
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QUESTIONS: Which Asian country has the most FIFA World Cup appearances? How many times?
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